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New bookstore management holds grand reopening

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Monday morning the college bookstore officially opened for business as a branch of Barnes & Noble Booksellers. The transition of ownership to the national chain took place during the beginning of the spring semester.

While the interior of the bookstore did not undergo significant renovations over spring break, new services and extended hours are in place. The bookstore's closing time has been extended from 4:25 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. An expanded line of Hamilton gear, more in line with contemporary student fashion, is available. Students can now return their used books for cash any time the bookstore is open, not just at the end of the semester. A third party will no longer be responsible for the repurchasing of used books, as has been the case in the past.

Barnes & Noble has restyled product lines and used book policies have changed, but the most significant change yet to affect students will be the way in which they can purchase merchandise. Next fall, students will be able to enter their course information, new/used book buying preference, required/recommended text preferences, and credit card information into an online form. Bookstore employees will assemble texts for students, who can then pick up their pre-packaged books at the bookstore.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

Bookstore cashier Jessica Slawson helping customers Joanna Velasco '01, left, and Aliscia Thomas '04.

Hamilton merchandise will also be for sale online with delivery nationwide. Alumni and parents are target markets for the new delivery service.

Bookstore Manager Jennifer Hackett, new to Hamilton and an employee of Barnes & Noble, is enthusiastic about the company's ownership of the bookstore. Of the existing bookstore staff she says, "They've been great and very receptive to welcome Barnes & Noble into the Hamilton College family."

Hackett hails from the Saint John Fisher College bookstore, another Barnes & Noble entity. Hackett began working in her college's bookstore as an undergraduate and has held several management positions with Barnes & Noble since her graduation.

Hackett has plans to further increase the number of used books available to students and to offer more extended store hours next semester. She will increase the selection of books by faculty, alumni, and local authors. The bookstore will also be experimenting with increased student employment, offering student employees discounts on texts.

Director of Auxiliary and Contract Services Joe Cappa looks at Barnes & Noble's control of the bookstore as an opportunity for students. Cappa encourages students to contact Hackett with their concerns. "The bookstore management wants to hear what Hamilton needs, and they'll do whatever possible to meet those needs," he said.

BOISSELIER RESIGNS

Biochem prof opts to pursue cloning

by Sam Evans '01
SCIENCE EDITOR

Last week visiting professor Brigitte Boisselier decided to resign from teaching biochemistry at Hamilton. Effective at the end of the semester, her resignation will enable her to focus on teaching the world about human cloning.

This Monday, two agents from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found her on campus to hand-deliver a letter stating that cloning research is under the jurisdiction, and therefore the regulation, of that agency.

On Wednesday Boisselier testified before a Congressional subcommittee and yesterday morning she taught biochemistry.

Ever since the *New York Times Sunday Magazine* reported in mid-February that Boisselier was the scientific director of Clonaid, allegedly the first private company to openly pursue human cloning, the campus has been crawling with national media intent on spreading the story.

Though the college is not involved with Boisselier's off campus research, her employment as a professor here has brought Hamilton much attention, some of it undesired.

Boisselier's resignation, her testimony in Washington, and the visit by FDA officials are the latest twists in Hamilton's struggle to come to terms with the perplexing questions raised by a professor's involvement in one of today's most controversial technologies. In classical Hamilton fashion, a panel of philosophers, scientists and concerned community members filled the Events Barn last month to ask questions and engage in open debate about human cloning.

Though Hamilton College stays neutral on the issue by insisting that the important consideration is Boisselier's performance as a member of the chemistry faculty, a majority of students and professors are in agreement with mainstream scientists and media that human cloning is a dangerous venture at this point. In last month's panel discussion, biologists Jinnie Garrett and Herm Lehman criticized the rela-

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Lehman, Kodat among four professors granted tenure

by James P. Du Vernay
NEWS EDITOR

Earlier this month the Hamilton College Board of Trustees granted tenure to four college professors who have displayed distinguished records of commitment to teaching and research. The four include Biology Professor Herman Lehman and English Professor Catherine Gunther Kodat.

Since joining the department five years ago, Professor Lehman has proved highly versatile in his teaching and research abilities. Dividing his time between biology and the interdisciplinary neuroscience program, Lehman currently teaches Introduction to Biology, Cell Biology, and Neurochemistry. Describing his interests as "physiological, but from a biochem perspective," Lehman primarily studies the development and maintenance of neurotransmitters. He also works to identify new neurotransmitters.

Lehman earned his undergraduate degree at the University of West Florida before completing his doctorate at Florida State University. He then completed extended postgraduate research, including two years at Syracuse University, where he first learned of Hamilton, and five years at the University of Arizona. Lehman then joined the faculty as assistant professor at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, an institution of 25,000 students. Although he enjoyed the "great science and great environment," Lehman characterized Las Vegas as "bizarre" and "the exact opposite of Clinton, NY."

Since joining the biology department of Hamilton in 1996, Lehman has played a pivotal role in the development of the neuroscience program. He believes the college has the best undergraduate program in the country and sees his role as "preparing the best students for some of the best graduate schools in the country."

Jinnie Garrett, chair of the biology department, described Lehman as an excellent teacher and mentor and praised his ability to "incorporate students into his research and allow them to do significant projects with him."

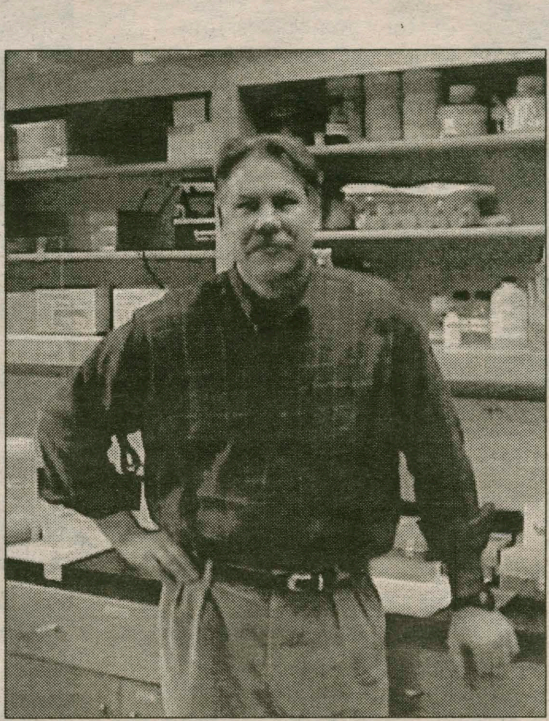

PHOTO BY JAMES P. DU VERNAY '03

Newly tenured Lehman in his lab.

Reflecting this idea, Lehman explained that "teaching of undergraduates occurs not only in class but also in the lab."

Elise Gates '02 is enrolled in Lehman's Neurochemistry class and has found this approach effective. "Classes with Professor Lehman are extremely interactive," Gates said. "We don't really use a textbook in class—we study experimental techniques and learn to solve problems."

Biology Professor David Gapp added that Lehman's cellular and molecular back-

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Student Assembly notes for March 5 and March 26

by Lauren Renyolds '02
JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

• TOWN HALL MEETING MONDAY! Diversity, social spaces, and other campus-wide issues are on the agenda.

• Plans are on the way for a more student-friendly website; ideas included individual class news and issues, ID card voting, and online polling.

• The Social Options Committee, with the help of CAB, will be hosting a Kareoke Night in the Pub on April 15th.

A feasibility report is underway for ELS. This will help students and administrators narrow the list of possibilities for the building.

Possible platform requirement changes are under debate. Ideas include lengthening the maximum word count and increasing the number of signatures on the petition.

• The AIDS Hike for Life, sponsored by the Class of '01, will be held on April 29th, 2001. If you'd like to be a part of the fun, please contact your class president or pick up a flyer around campus.

• Check the Student Assembly newsletter for more information later this week.

College names Paris Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

President Tobin announced his appointment of David Paris '71, a member of the Hamilton faculty for 22 years, to the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty on March 28.

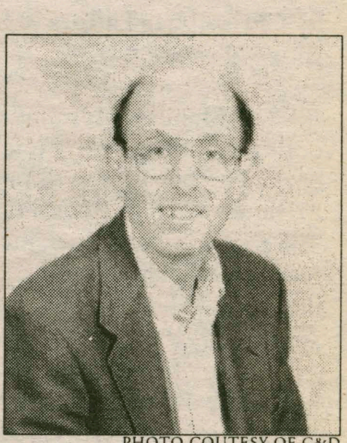
Before the appointment he was serving as a James S. Sherman Professor of Government and the Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Students.

In an all-campus e-mail Tobin described Paris as "a person of great integrity, vision, and energy who has been actively involved in the College's major curricular changes and strategic plan discussions."

Tobin said Paris's enjoyment of teaching and advocacy for student-faculty collaboration made him a prime candidate for the position.

In recent years, Paris played an important role in designing the new curriculum, which eliminates specific requirements for graduation but still encourages "breadth of knowledge," for the class of 2005. Additionally, the new curriculum includes seminars and a sophomore project.

As part of his new responsibilities, Paris will oversee the implementation of the new curriculum and strategic plan. "What Hamilton does best is interact with students individually. This new curriculum and advising increases the opportunities for faculty and students to interact. We want students to feel empowered and involved in their education," said Paris.



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Dean David C. Paris

Finally, Tobin said Paris will benefit both the faculty and students of Hamilton through his "desire to see Hamilton evolve into an inclusive, open and diverse community."

Life and legacy of Hamilton brings scholars to Hill

PRESS RELEASE

Clinton, NY - Hamilton College is preparing to host a conference regarding its namesake,

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Alexander Hamilton

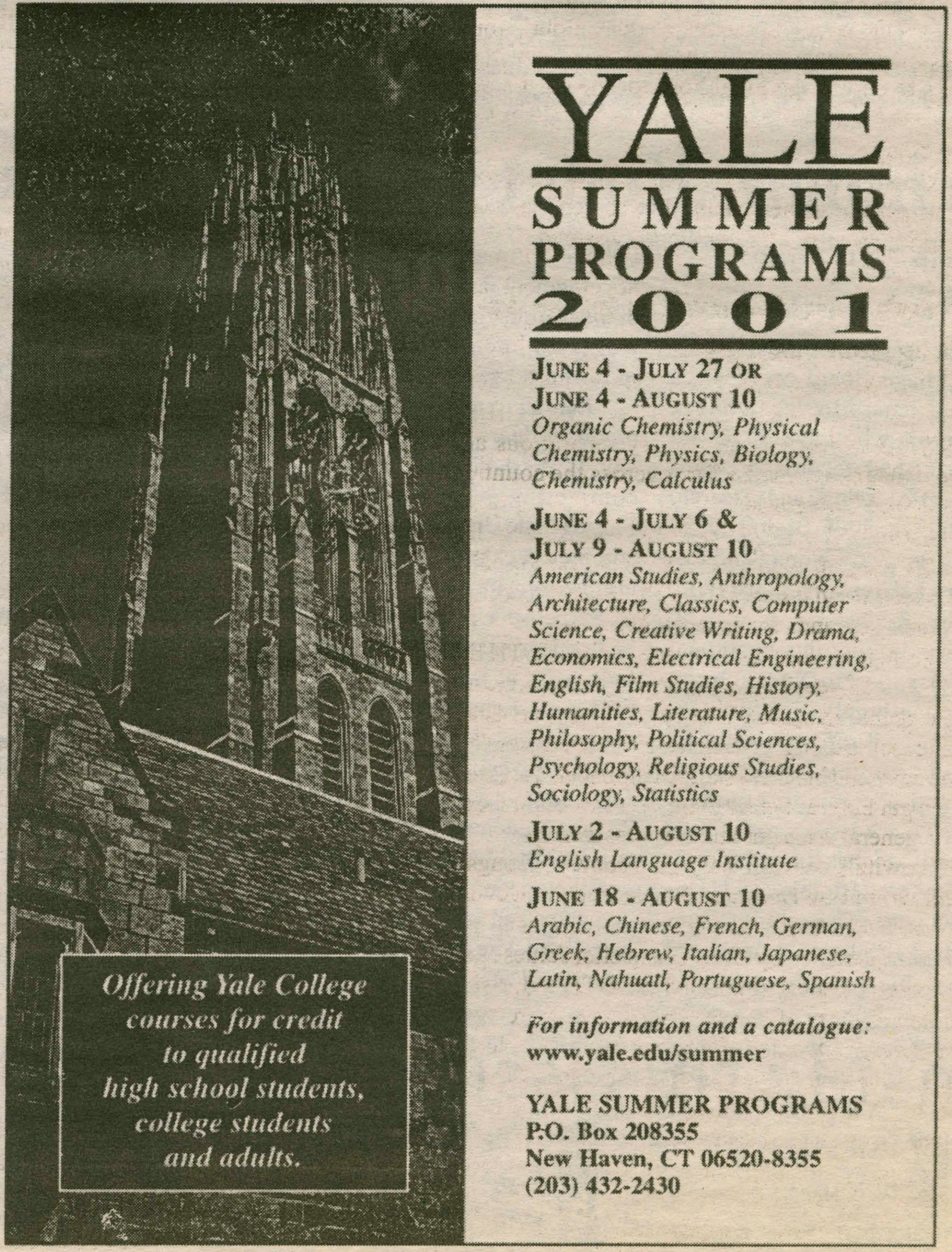
Alexander Hamilton, during the weekend of April 5-7. The conference, entitled "The Hamilton Conference: Exploring the Life and Legacy of Alexander Hamilton," will bring together both up- and- coming and established scholars in order to promote cutting edge research on Alexander Hamilton. The conference's key note speaker, Richard Brookhiser, who is the author of numerous books, including Alexander Hamilton, American (Free Press, 1999), will deliver an address open to the community at 7:30 pm on Friday, April 5 in the Hamilton College Chapel.

Alexander Hamilton, one of our nation's Founding Fathers, belongs to both the past and the present. In many ways Hamilton was both the most modern of the Founders as well as a man of his times. He envisioned a dynamic, expansive economy that would make the United States a world leader. He advocated a strong, central, powerful government with subordinate states. Hamilton also had a clear vision of America's place in the world, and as such he had a passioned, prescient sense about where our nation was going.

The conference consists of four major sessions, which will take place on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7. The first session is called "Hamilton and the Dilemmas of Slavery in the Young Republic." Hamilton was one of the first high-profile figures to publicly denounce slavery. This panel will discuss the role of slavery in the early republic and the ways it increasingly became an issue in public discourse. The second session is entitled "Hamilton and Domestic Policy." Participants will debate Hamilton's economic and fiscal policies and beliefs, his views on the national debt, his promotion of manufacturing, and his understanding of the nature of citizenship in the American republic.

The two Saturday panels include "Hamilton's Legacy," which will examine the ways Hamilton's ideas have influenced, and continue to influence, the United States. This includes how Americans have portrayed Hamilton and how he influenced such figures as Abraham Lincoln. The conference will wrap up with a discussion entitled "Hamilton and His Contemporaries." This panel will discuss how Hamilton and his contemporaries, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson, shaped, and continue to shape, political discussion in the United States. Hamilton's vision of America directly contrasts to that of Madison's and Jefferson's. Hamiltonians envisioned a vigorous national government, while Jeffersonians emphasized a limited national government in which states have a prominent role in the lives of citizens.

According to the conference coordinator and Associate Professor of History Doug Ambrose, "We must remind people that although Hamilton did not endow this place, there is a sense of responsibility on the institution to remember our namesake's pivotal role in the formation of the United States and his contributions to the still unfinished importance to U.S. history and to the ongoing story of our nation. This does not only mean that we should simply praise him, but we should recognize Hamilton's historical significance."



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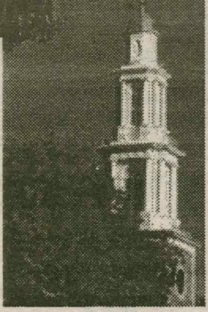


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Students injured during photo shoot

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — A set of risers collapsed during a high school class photo shoot, dumping students to the ground and injuring 15.

None of the injuries appear to be life-threatening, authorities said.

About 500 students were posing for the photo in front of Richardson High School in suburban Dallas when the semicircular risers gave way.

As many as 10 students were taken to a hospital for treatment, with the remaining youths treated at the scene. Richardson is about 12 miles north of Dallas.

Police, Michigan State U. recall riot; look ahead to peaceful celebration

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — At 3:52 a.m., police in full riot gear marched down Bailey Street firing tear gas.

Two years later, a blackened, rough patch of asphalt mars the street's surface; a reminder of a fire that reached some two stories into the sky on March 27-28, 1999. But East Lansing and Michigan State University officials don't need the physical mark to remind them of the flaw on their community's reputation.

They recall the night when 10,000 people flooded city streets after MSU's Final Four loss to Duke University, causing an estimated $250,000 in damage.

And they hope everyone else remembers, too.

"Clearly as the years pass and people forget the ugly nature of the event, and more importantly the consequences, you forget this stuff is serious and people ended up in jail and thousands of dollars in damage was done," East Lansing City Manager Ted Staton said.

But there's another night Staton and others want in the forefront of everyone's minds: April 4, 2000.

That's the night MSU men's basketball team won its first NCAA National Championship since 1979, and the night nearly 15,000 people packed into the Cedar Village area to peacefully celebrate.

No tear gas. No fires.

"The bad taste in people's mouths from two years ago had a lot to do with that," Staton said.

And plans are underway for another night — or pair of nights — of celebration as the men's basketball team prepares to play in the Final Four for the third-straight year and the hockey team warms up for a trip to the Frozen Four.

Officials hope to open Breslin Student Events Center to watch the games on the big screen, said Ginny Haas, MSU director of community relations.

U. North Carolina student paper decides against running ad

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — The Daily Tar Heel at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has decided not to run an anti-slavery reparations advertisement that has caused a furor across the country and here at Duke University.

Instead, the DTH will run ad author David Horowitz's arguments in the form of an opinion column. The Chronicle ran the ad March 19, leading to a campus protest and demands for an apology.

"We thought this was the best way," said DTH Editor Matt Dees. "If people see the ad, they're automatically going to go into an uproar. We hope this way, we'll be able to (foster) some thoughtful and sensible discussion." Dees said the news and business staffs of the paper discussed the ad at length but that the ultimate decision came from the paper's general manager and business manager.

Horowitz's column will run Monday, alongside a column written by Dees and Black Student Movement President Tyra Moore. The editor also hopes to print a commentary written by UNC Chancellor James Moeser.

Moore, a senior, supported the DTH's decision. "I think that at many of the campuses, they were running this ad under the premise of wanting to create dialogue on campus," she said. "The way that Matt Dees has chosen to present it is a much more effective way of creating dialogue, by giving all sides of an issue."

She added that regardless of the DTH's decision, members of the black community had been discussing ways to raise the issue campuswide.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Europe warns Bush on global warming

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — European officials warned President Bush on Thursday that relations with the rest of the world could suffer if he sticks by a decision to pull out of an agreement on reducing global warming.

"This isn't some marginal environmental issue that can be ignored or played down," European Union Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstroem said at a news conference. "It has to do with trade and economics."

Bush administration officials announced Wednesday that they would not implement the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, under which countries agreed to legally binding targets for curbing greenhouse gas emissions. The move reversed a position Bush took during last year's presidential campaign.

Calling the announcement "exceptionally serious," British Environment Minister Michael Meacher said it could have repercussions in other areas.

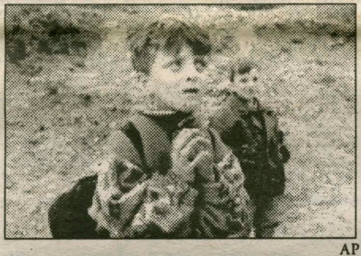
"We are talking about a trans-Atlantic and global foreign policy issue," he said in London.

While stressing it was too soon to discuss "tactics to punish the United States," Wallstroem said she will go to Washington next week with an EU delegation to seek clarification of the Bush administration's position.

"I don't think this is the time to start to threaten, but we must be clear about the political implications," she said.

Shelling resumes near Macedonia

KRIVENIK, Yugoslavia (AP) — Mortar shells slammed into a Kosovo village just across the border from Macedonia on Thursday as fighting intensified in an area where Macedonian government forces and ethnic Albanian militants have been clashing.



AP

An Ethnic Albanian walks toward the border crossing between Kosovo and Macedonia.

At least three civilians were killed, including an Associated Press television producer, and 16 others were wounded in the assault on the village of Krivenik, just three-quarters of a mile inside the Kosovo border. No peacekeepers were reported injured, said U.S. Maj. James Marshall, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Kosovo.

The attack came as NATO-led international peacekeepers stepped up their patrols along the border with Kosovo, near the area where Macedonian troops were skirmishing with the rebels in the rugged mountains.

A statement by the U.S. command described the projectiles used in the attack as mortars and said an investigation was under way to determine who fired them and from where.

Argentina grants president power

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Fernando De la Rua was granted special powers on Thursday to battle the worst recession to hit Argentina in a decade.

After 12 hours of debate, the Senate voted 50-4 to give final legislative passage of the package in the early hours Thursday. The package grants special authority to the executive branch for one year to trim taxes, reform tariffs, reorganize federal agencies and cut red tape.

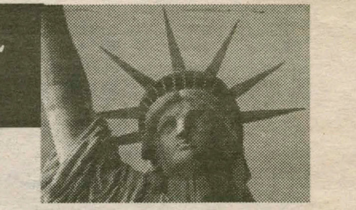
The lower House already agreed to cede some of Congress' lawmaking authority to De la Rua as South America's second-largest economy grapples with a 33-month-long economic slump.

Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo has said the powers are needed as part of a package to stimulate an economy bowed down by 14.7 percent unemployment and $120 billion in public debt.

Cavallo helped pluck Argentina from an inflationary crisis in the early 1990s during a previous stint as economy minister, winning applause on Wall Street. He was called back last week to the job as the third economy minister in De la Rua's cabinet in March.

Senate President Mario Losada praised bleary-eyed senators for a show of unity behind the economic crisis plan, calling it an "act of maturity."

NATIONAL NEWS



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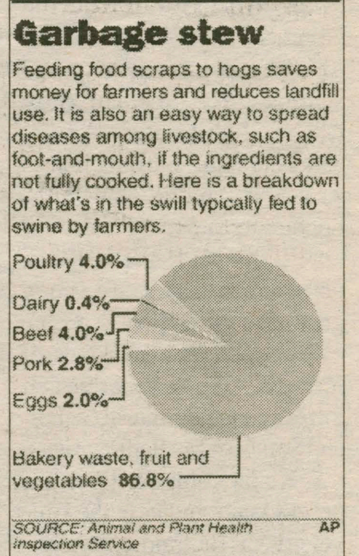
Cited foot-mouth source still legal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feeding food scraps to hogs, the practice now blamed for Europe's foot-and-mouth epidemic, is still legal in 33 states and Puerto Rico even though improperly cooked pig swill long has been recognized as a sure way to spread disease.

The last U.S. outbreak of foot-and-mouth in 1929 occurred when scraps of South American meat were taken off a ship and fed to hogs in California. Experts say that improper swill-feeding is one of the most likely ways foot-and-mouth could return.



"That's my biggest concern," said Terry Conger, state epidemiologist with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Europe's outbreak has been traced by British officials to pig swill that likely contained meat imported illegally or food smuggled by a traveler. "International travelers are always bringing sausage and whatnot they acquire in foreign countries," Conger said.

Accused abortion MD killer arrested

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The man suspected of killing abortion doctor Barnett Slepian in a 1998 sniper attack has been arrested in France, prosecutors said Thursday.

James Kopp was one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives.

Erie County District Attorney Frank J. Clark said FBI officials informed him of the arrest Thursday morning but he had no other details.

"My first (reaction) was relief, and I guess the second was vindication for all those who said we'd never get him," Clark said. "I never for a moment thought that he would not be captured. To me, it was a question of when."

"I felt greatly relieved because I think this area cries for justice," Clark added. "And, quite frankly, I let out a little 'whoopee,' too."

The 52-year-old Slepian, just back from synagogue, was heating soup in his suburban Amherst home in October 1998 when he was gunned down with a single shot through a window.

Kopp, of St. Albans, Vt., became the subject of an international manhunt the following month.

Delta pilots reject arbitration

ATLANTA (AP) — Moving a step closer to a possible strike, pilots at Delta Air Lines on Thursday rejected binding arbitration of their contract negotiations with the nation's third-largest carrier.

The move begins a 30-day "cooling-off" period, after which the pilots could strike. However, President Bush has indicated that he will move to block labor disruptions at airlines this year with presidential emergency boards.

The pilots' decision, which was widely expected, came at the start of a two-day meeting being held in Atlanta by the Delta branch of the Air Line Pilots Association.

Delta and its 9,800 pilots have been negotiating a new contract for nearly 19 months, but remain divided on larger issues such as compensation, retirement benefits and a dual-wage system at Delta Express, the airline's Florida-based low-cost unit.

Talks are likely to continue over the next month, and union and Delta officials have said repeatedly that they consider an agreement likely to be reached at the final stages before a strike.

"We believe everyone is best served by allowing the collective bargaining process to move forward and we are confident we will be able to reach an agreement with management prior to the end of the 30-day cooling-off period," said Charles Giambusso, chairman of Delta's master executive council, a unit of ALPA.

Newly tenured professors

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between the bio department and the neuroscience program."

Although very pleased with the quality of students and colleagues in the sciences, Lehman believes more must be done in the sciences. "I would like to see Hamilton made known as a place to do science," Lehman said.

Much like Lehman, English Professor Catherine Gunther Kodat has exhibited diversity in her teaching and scholarship. She currently teaches 20th Century American Literature, Introduction to American Studies, and Introduction to Literary Theory.

As for her research, Kodat noted that she has been given "a great deal of support from the college to explore all kinds of interests." Her current research interests include music, dance, and Southern Methodist writers.

Kodat completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Baltimore, where she majored in English and served as Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper during her senior year.

This experience with journalism led Kodat to a long association with *The Baltimore Sun* newspaper, where she worked her way up from the circulation department to becoming a reporter for the metro desk in the newsroom.

Kodat decided to continue her education in 1987 at Boston University. Before completing her doctorate in 1992, she served as a teacher's assistant and taught undergraduate writing courses at Tufts University and Boston College. In the spring of 1995, Kodat accepted a position with Hamilton's English department.

Professor Nathaniel Strout, chair of the English department, praised Kodat's broad teaching record. He added that "she has exhibited excellent scholarship over a wide range–music, film, dance, and major writers." Strout considers such diversity especially valuable at a college as small as Hamilton.

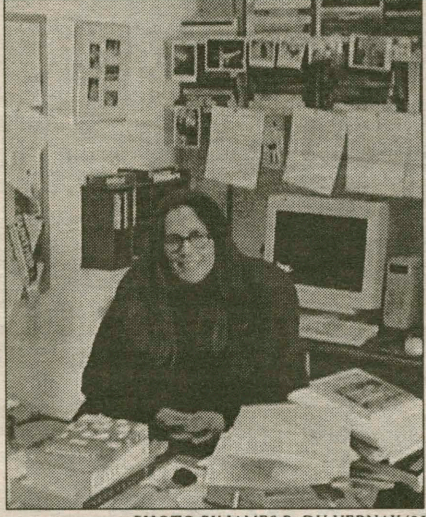


PHOTO BY JAMES P. DU VERNAY '03

Professor Kodat in the office.

Michael D'Alessandro '02, an English major, agreed that Kodat "is able to incorporate many aspects of American culture into our literary theory class."

Kodat also is appointed to the American Studies program. Thanh Bui '03, an American Studies major, has found that Kodat "displays an in-depth and accurate knowledge of the class material and always encourages students to explore a topic, while also welcoming criticism."

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty David Paris, a professor's record of "teaching, scholarship, and service to the college" are carefully considered before the college grants tenure. The four-step approval process begins with a vote by the tenured members of each department, who then make a recommendation to the faculty's Committee on Appointments. This committee must then pass the recommendation along to the college president, who presents it to the Board of Trustees for ultimate approval.

As well as creating a sense of job security, tenure carries with it a promotion to the rank of associate professor.

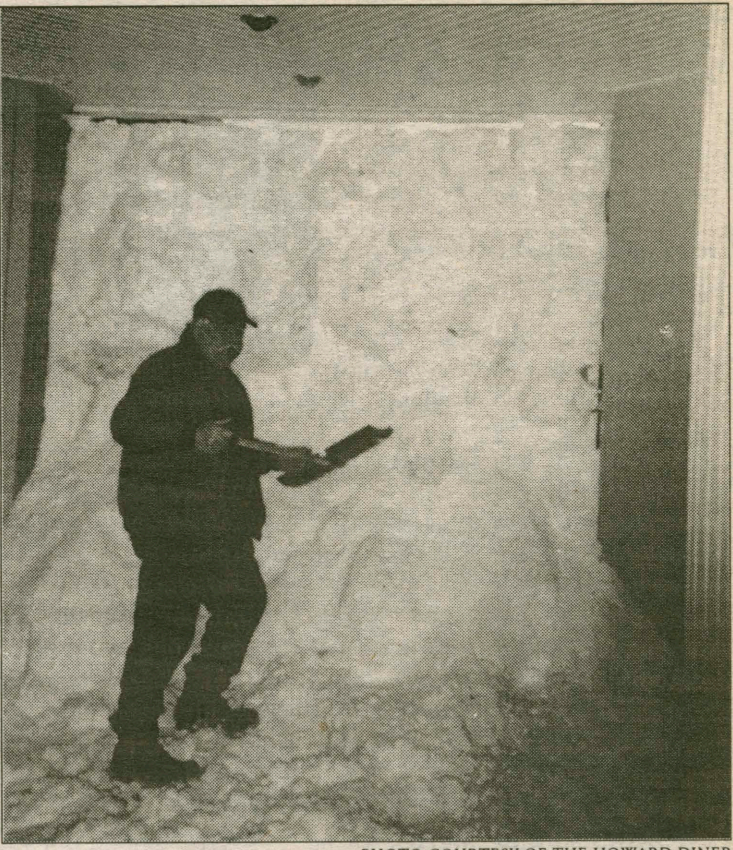
"It's a vote of confidence on the part of the institution that the faculty member has been a productive and vital part of the college," explained Paris.

Paris added that tenure confers the additional benefit of "the freedom to pursue diverse courses of study and research interests."

Paris felt that all four of the newly tenured professors, including History Professor Shoshana Keller and French Professor Joseph Mwantuali, have distinguished themselves.

"Each is a well-published scholar, and students regard each as great teachers," he said.

Look in next week's issue for profiles of Profs. Keller and Mwantuali



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A Physical Plant worker shovels an avalanche of snow from the Beinecke Breezeway. Before Spring Break, several ambitious students created the obstruction.

AIDS HiKE FOR LIFE

5K Fundraising Walk

Benefiting AIDS Community Resources

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2001

The 2nd Annual AIDS Hike For Life, a 5K fundraising walk to benfit AIDS Community Resources, takes place Saturday, April 29 on campus. Campus groups - form your teams today! Pick up a registration form in Beinecke, or call 1-800-475-2430 or email spprojacr@juno.com for more information or to register.

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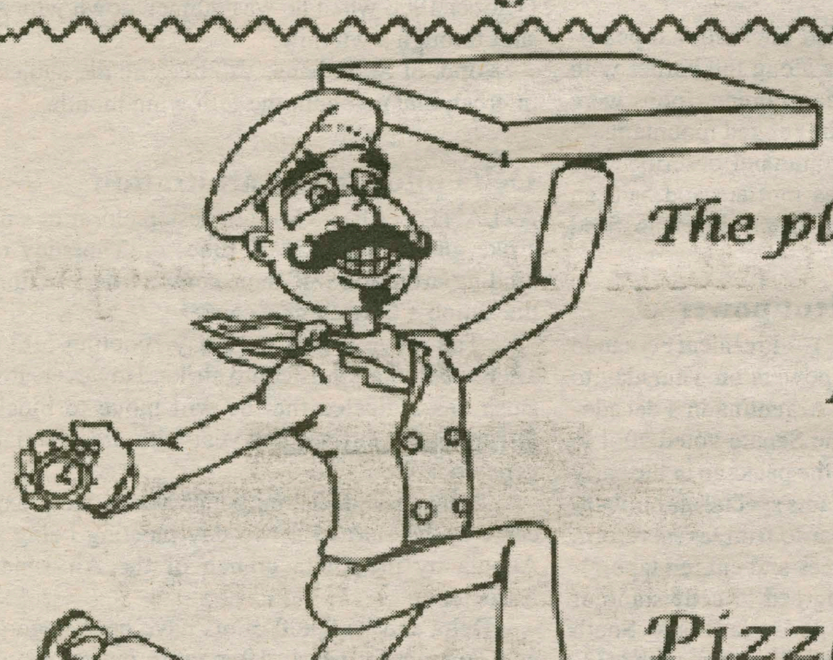

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Editorial

Around our country senseless acts of violence are turning our schools from safe-havens of education into places of fear and violence. Repeatedly, we witness spectacles of violence, shake our heads in dismay, and travel down the same road that enabled these acts of violence to occur in the first place.

School violence is not isolated to high-crime areas; rather, it is a widespread problem that all types of communities across our country face. Many variables complicate the issues surrounding school violence. Does easy access to guns play a role in school violence? Are teen intervention programs failing? Does television violence desensitize youth to violence in the real world? Is playground bullying to blame for social detachment? Are punishments for violent youths too lenient?

Analysis of these questions could reveal a solution to the problem of school violence. Second amendment debates, entertainment ratings, and the teaching of social responsibility are all possible components of a long-term solution. All of these are important steps. Unfortunately, we have the necessity of safety without the luxury of time.

Our school boards need to make schools safer now. Measures such as metal detectors, clear bags, and inspections need to be implemented. While these do not help build a sense of community, they are far less detrimental than murders.

In a changing world that increases our exposure to the both the good and bad in society, we continually face new challenges to the safety and security many of us have enjoyed in our lives. We need to combat these challenges with both immediate and long-term preventative measures. We cannot continue to pay for the cost of our social problems with young human lives.

Letters

I went to see the movie "15 minutes" with my father (Hamilton '70) brother. Not only is it a good movie that raises some significant questions concerning journalism, it features Bruce "Booch" Cutler, who has a cameo role. Mr. Cutler is a well known criminal defense attorney in New York City and one of my dad's classmates. He does a good job and was an intelligent choice for the role.

-Michael Everhart '02

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Correction

On March 2, 2001 *The Spectator* in the article "Trustees Weekend; Budget set for coming year" on page 1 stated that ITS received a 34% budget increase. Computing services saw only a 9.7% increase, while cable television and other initiatives raised technology services spending 35.8% over the previous year.

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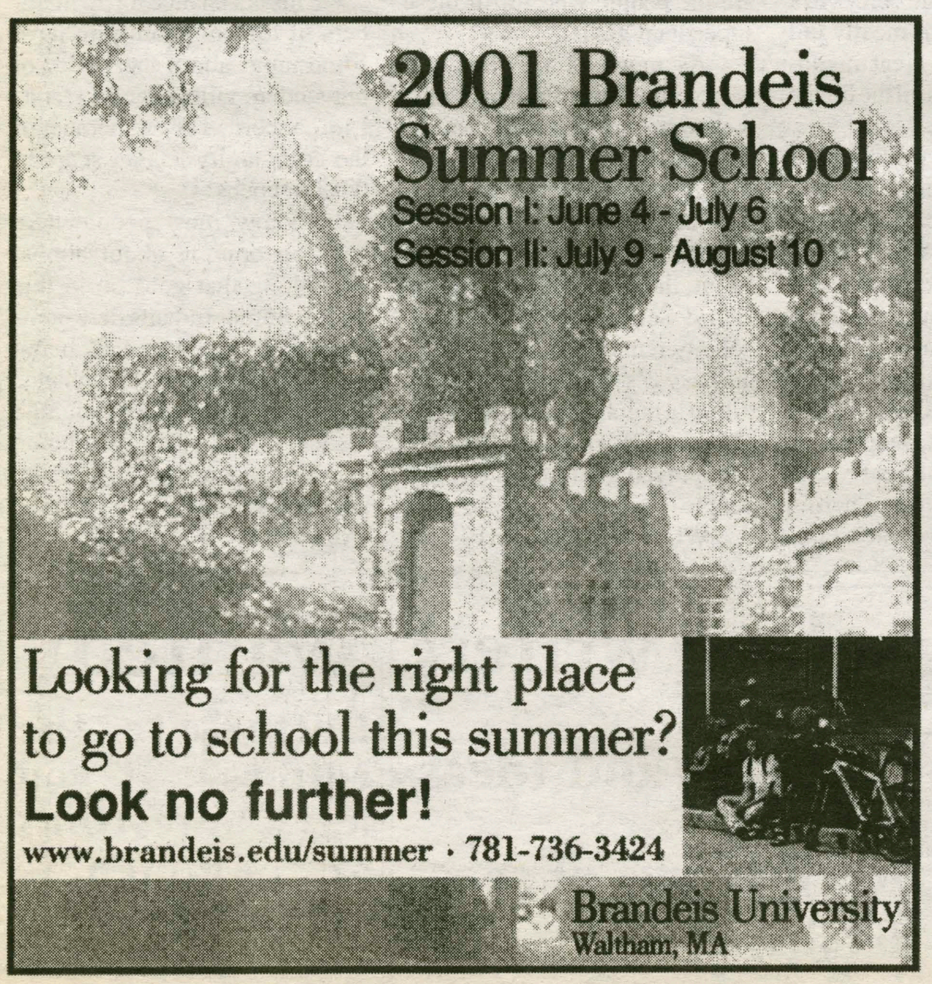

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Insights & Ideas

My Spring Breakdown

JUSTIN TYLER

It is a rare moment in a young boy's life when he realizes that he is moving on to the next big thing. One is wrapped up in a flurry of emotions: excitement, fear, anticipation, revel, malaise, hunger, depression, constipation, denial, and then a long, slow descent into madness.

This roller-coaster ride of hormones is what characterizes the pre-spring break second-semester senior. Add on to that a lack of any exciting spring break memories from the previous three years, save several botched attempts to appear on an episode of La Femme Nikita, and you have the makings of a road trip.

The best road trips are the ones that no one believes you are going on. They must be planned at the last possible moment and you must forget either your toothbrush or your deodorant. I forgot both. My road trip began at the break of dawn on the first Wednesday of break.

My trusty companion and I departed at 6AM with the mindset to drive straight through to Daytona Beach, Florida, the spring break road trip capitol of the lower forty-eight states and Puerto Rico.

The open road is a frightening place. Anything came happen between those two rumble strips on I-95: old men may shake their withered arms at you after you cut them off, angry New Jersey drivers may drive willy nilly in between cars, putting their cigarettes out on your side mirrors, you may pass towns named Cockeysville, Pee Dee, Upper Lip and Stifler. It is a bizarre world. There are signs that say, "Speed limit enforced by aircraft," yet I have never been waved off the road by a helicopter.

Perhaps the oddest thing you will encounter on I-95 is the night-legendary roadside attraction South of the Border. Situated just beyond the North Carolina-South Carolina border, in the cozy little hamlet of South of the Border, South of the Border is quite possibly the greatest place to visit in the lower forty-eight states, excluding Puerto Rico.

The signs for this promised land begin hundreds of miles away featuring such slogans as, "Let us put our junk in your trunk" and "You never sausage a place, you're always a weiner at Pedro's." If that isn't enough to put you behind the wheel, keep in mind that you can ride the wild sombreros and sample their chili, at any time of the day, all year round! I recommend staying for a bare minimum of ten minutes.

No road trip is perfect, and there are always decisions that you will regret later on. Mine came thanks to a lovely little mom-and-pop store called Subway just inside the Georgia border. Feeling famished from a full day of aggressive driving I needed something to fuel my burning spring break engine.

Fortunately I chose to eat a roast beef sub from the aforementioned establishment. Not a half an hour after I finished my sub, there was enough gas in my stomach to keep the hovercraft from Jackie Chan's "Rumble in the Bronx" rolling for the rest of his long life.

Thanks to Subway, I spent half of my spring break curled up on the bathroom floor of Daytona Beach's Lido Motel with a naughty, naughty case of food poisoning. I don't blame them for this mishap; I blame the rancid mayonnaise that they seem to enjoy serving to unsuspecting Yankees. That is my last ride on the Subway for some time coming.

After I overcame my crippling illness, Daytona Beach was an exciting place. I spent my days walking the beaches, taking in the warm weather and trying to avoid the rabid Baptists as they tried to tell me I was going to hell.

At night, I walked up and down Daytona's main street, A1A, of Ice Ice Baby fame (Vanilla Ice had appeared at a local Daytona hotel for a free concert the week before I was there. May he rest in peace)? You cannot imagine the things that go on in the wee hours of the morn on those crowded streets.

First of all, everyone, and I mean everyone, has a video camera now. The "Girls Gone Wild" video collection seems to have spawned a whole copycat industry of young Spielbergs trying to create there own collection of soft-core porn videos. On top of that, the Mardi Gras bead phenomenon has caught on down

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Expanding Horizons: A College Reflection

SETH O'BRYAN

Growing up isn't easy, and graduating from college seems like a big jump in the growth process. There is this feeling of the end, as though some chapter in my life is coming to a close, and with that is a loss of some part of my identity and some part of my childhood. I don't think we ever stop growing up, there is always something to learn, always room for growth. Also, I don't think our childhood has to stop, regardless of what childhood means, whether it be innocence, immaturity, the desire to have fun, whatever it is, we can always be kids.

That being said, there is some sense of the end that comes with graduating from college and being forced to face the real world. Most of us have real responsibilities and no longer can we hide behind the mask of schooling.

I guess the hope is that once someone has completed the undergraduate experience, they have learned enough to be prepared for the adult life and ready to contribute to society. There is this part of me that feels the need to reflect on what I've learned and what I've experienced before I can enter the real world. As this chapter in my life comes to a close, my reflections mostly fall into two categories-great memories/friendships, and all the things I've learned.

Friendship is priceless; it will carry you through the bad times, allow you to savor the good times, and most of all stand by you through the journey of life. The beauty about friendship is that you never know where it will come from. You can make friends with people of any age, race, class, or height, people with any almost any political view, any sexual preference. There's something that all people share, some universal trait of humanity, and I feel like too often in life people forget that about each other. We categorize or label each other based on a few different aspects of our lives.

I have been doing community service in Utica for the past two months, which is my birthplace, and I have made friends with the people I work with. While I am down there I think about all the jokes Hamilton students make about Utica, and down there they seem so distant and so foolish.

Now when I think of Utica, besides thinking I was born there, I think of my new friends, people who will never make the amount of money that most students make when they leave Hamilton. They will never have the same luxuries, but all the same, I have learned as much from them as I have learned from anyone at Hamilton, and I respect them as much as I respect anyone from here.

We are raised to believe success is related to winning, to making money, to having a good reputation, to being famous. As much as one can bring up idealistic arguments about how it should be, realistically speaking, the people that get the most acknowledgement in the media and by those in power positions are the people who fulfill these superficial goals.

As much as we shouldn't worry about what others think, we are human and some part of us, big or small, falls into the trap of believing these superficial securities are what bring happiness. In sports, when people talk about the Super Bowl or the World Series, they always say nobody remembers who lost, or they say it's such a bitter feeling to lose in the championship game. Those words ring true; it is not who played their hearts out that people remember, but who won.

When we have our 10-year reunion, the first thing people are going to ask about is what job you have and whether or not you are married. Those two things will mark whether or not you've been successful after college. But is that really what life is about?

As my college career comes to an end, I think about whether or not my journey was a success. And I think it was. It has nothing to do with my grades or what job I get after graduation. All I have to do is think about the friends I have made, the memories, and how much I have grown and learned, and I know it was a success. But so much of this world teaches us that someone who did well at college is someone who either got good grades or got a good job. I find myself fighting the brainwashed part of me to remember what is most important, that being happy is from following your heart isn't just a myth.

To conclude my article, I would like to remind you about the open meeting in the Annex Monday night. It is about the current and future status of Beinecke, ELS, and the farmhouse. If you want any input, if you have any opinion about it at all, if you have any questions or if just you want to know what's happening, you should definitely come; it is essential.

This is a chance for all members of the community to have some input about the future of our student village, and as far as I am concerned every member of the community has an stake in what happens.

I know most people here have an opinion about almost everything that goes on in this world. Some students here complain about their voice not being heard, well here is one chance for it to be heard. I ask you, the reader, to make sure you come and bring with you as many people as possible. It will be worthwhile.

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there for some strange reason, so men stumble around trying to convince young women to lift up their shirts in exchange for 50¢ beads. And it works.

Girls are letting their breasts fly around the streets while the guys feverishly try to get them on camera. It's like some sort of biological press conference. I picture a universe in which Mardi Gras beads become the national sexual currency and men and women exchange them haphazardly in hopes of getting a chance to meet the nipple twins.

But it's not all fun and games in Daytona. Cops are also roaming the streets trying to get a glimpse of some breasts.

If they don't see any, then they will handcuff and haul you in. I have seen the paddy wagon full of shy young women who would not bear all for the sake of peace and justice. Plus, they don't like drinking and driving.

After four fun filled days of Daytona life, it was time to go. We departed in the middle of the night, through gale force winds and a torrential downpour.

As we retraced our path up I-95, I couldn't help but reflect on my adventure and realize that now I have done it all at college. The spring break road trip is a sacred rite of passage that every young man and woman should take part in. Just remember these words of advice: I was kidding about the South of the Border chili, do not eat it.

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Thumbs Down

- People not sporting sexy Spring Break Tans.
- Derek Jeter's wrist injury.
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- Finding out that Horner is not really the lovable cherub next door.
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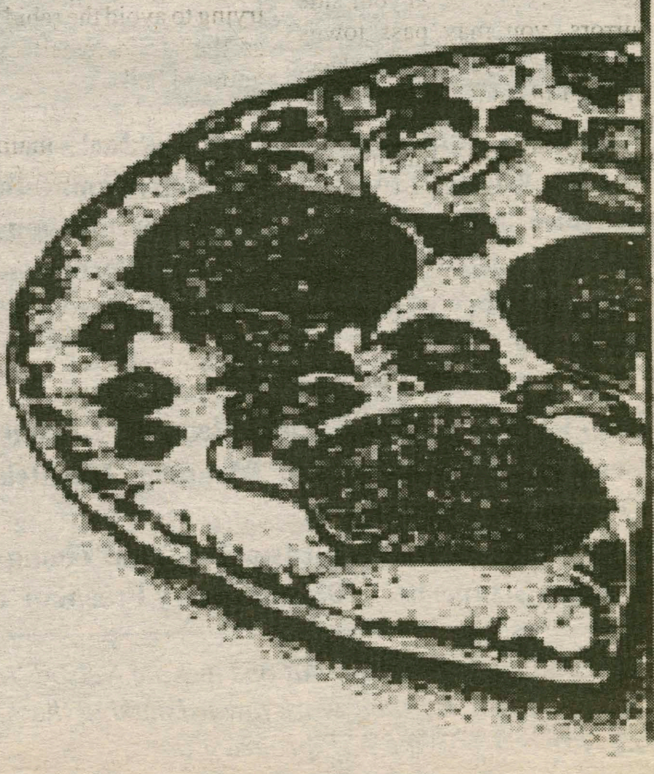

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Features

Paint, plasterboard, and planting: Tales from Alternative Spring Break

"Be it. Love it. Live it." No, we're not talking about Nike, but Hamilton's own Alternative Spring Break program – an all-out endeavor that sends more than 70 students to southern destinations to work for social change and community betterment. They painted, sanded, planted, tutored, and listened to stories told by the people they met along the way.

The seven groups spent more time away from the volunteer sites, enjoying the sights their areas had to offer. One group spent the night sleeping on a Florida beach, another caught a Charlotte Hornets game, and still another was invited to an alumnus' beach house for a cookout. But in all cases, the funniest moments, the strongest friendships, and the memories that will leave the most indelible mark, took place in the communities to which the students dedicated one week of their lives. Read their stories below.

Hi Mom!
Today we planted at the nature preserve. We slept on the beach last night and watched the stars come out. We're having a great time!

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AT BLOWING ROCKS PRESERVE . HOBE SOUND, FLORIDA

Jacksonville, Florida

Putting some miles on the Jitney! **The Jacksonville, FL trip, all female by chance, volunteered with Community Connections, an organization that provides services to families in transitional housing. The nine Hamilton women assisted with their after school program and did some spring cleaning. They were also treated to dinner with Trustee Mac Bristol and his family.**

(L to R) Back Row: Chantelle Rein '03, Kristen Kmetetz '03, Katy Coonradt '03, Sue Ferranti '03, and Jo McIntel, volunteer coordinator at Community Connections.
Front Row: Emily Richardson '03, Yuki Zhang '04, Yina Luo '03, Krystyn Schmerbeck '02, and Kerry Freeman '03.

HOBE SOUND, FL

by Jim DuVernay '03
SITE LEADER/NEWS EDITOR

A group of 12 students, led by Katie Beaver '03 and Jim Du Vernay '03, traveled to Hobe Sound, FL on an environmental trip. We worked for the Nature Conservancy, an environmental group committed to conservation worldwide. At Blowing Rocks Nature Preserve, which stretches for one mile on Jupiter Island, off the Atlantic coast of Florida, conservationists work to restore native plant species and remove of invasive ones introduced by European settlers.

Our group worked in their extensive nursery and did removal and replanting on the island. We installed a new irrigation system for the nursery, which took two days. We spent the majority of our free time at the beach enjoying the 75° water temperatures. We also went to a street festival in West Palm Beach, which was a blast.

A photograph of the group is (L-R). Back Row: Jon Havens '03, Gill Chapman '04, Rich Waite '03, Arlette Barahona '03, Jim Du Vernay '03, Brenna Chiaputti '02, Melissa Stoos '04, Takehiko Kaminogo '03, Tomasz Konopka '02.

Front Row: Jen Turner, Fish and Wildlife employee, Katye Adams '03, and Jessie McComb '03.

Concord, NC

by John Bussey '01
SITE LEADER

We traveled 12 hours to Concord, North Carolina, where we worked with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter. We helped build a house in its fifth week of construction (a different college group had come each of the preceeding four weeks). By the time we got there the house was basically up as a skeleton. There were stud walls and a roof, but no finishing. Our group's jobs included painting the foundation, putting house wrap and siding on the exterior walls, shingling the roof, putting in windows and doors, and putting in the wiring. We had an overall Habitat guy in charge of us, and on different days we got professional carpenters and electricians to show us what to do. On one day we worked side by side with the 17-year-old son of the future home owner. The home owner herself came over every day and was incredibly friendly.

Special thanks and congratulations to Kate Nelson '01, ASB director, and Jeff McArn, college chaplain, for their work toward making the ASB program a great success. All photos are courtesy the ASB program.

ASB combines volunteering with sun, surf & sand

ROCK HILL, SC

by Cristen Sargent '01
SITE LEADER/FEATURES EDITOR

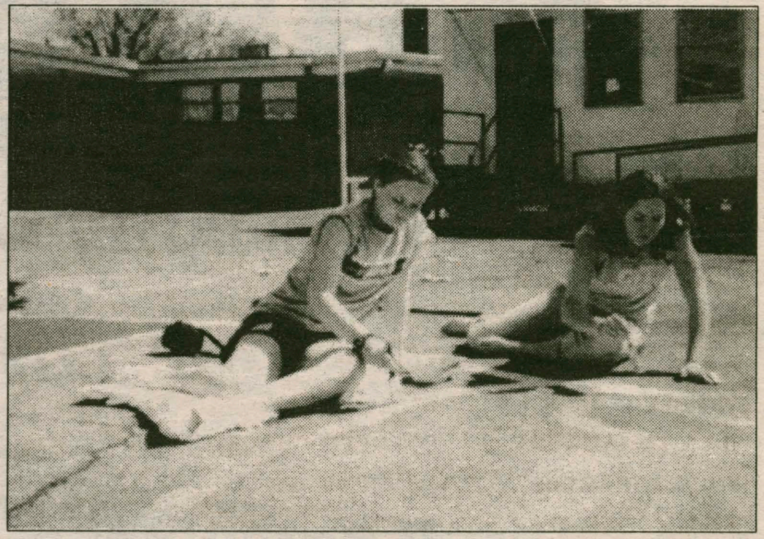
My sophomore year at Hamilton, the *Spectator* purchased a digital camera. At the time, it was fairly expensive and state-of-the art technology. Today, the camera has become a bit outdated for our photojournalistic efforts. Digital cameras that take clearer pictures and which have better features have come on the market, and in the intervening year we've bought a new film camera and negative scanner anyway.

This digital camera has been trekked across campus by *Spectator* staff members countless times, it's been inside every building, it's been "lost" in staff members' dorm rooms, and it's come with me for amusement on a couple road trips. Much like the Velveteen rabbit or any underappreciated children's toy, we see our staff camera as an average piece of equipment that will hopefully be replaced in the next budget cycle.

Over spring break I went with a group of nine Hamilton students on Alternative Spring Break to Rock Hill, South Carolina to work at a home for at-risk teenage girls. Packing hurriedly the first Friday of break, I distractedly threw the camera into my bag along with a few disks. I didn't even take it out the first few days of our trip, as we were too busy painting at the home, spending time with the girls, and seeing the sights of Rock Hill and Charlotte during our time off. Our group struck up an immediate friendship with the girls, and we played kickball, shared lunches, and traded email addresses.

For our final day in Rock Hill, the director of The Girls Home and her residents hosted a barbecue for us, and I brought the digital camera along. I wanted to get some shots so that they could immediately be posted to the web or run in this paper. One of the girls, Sarah, was curious as to what I was holding, and I showed her the camera and how to take a picture. Sarah asked if she could try. As she took her first picture, it was evident something was taking place right in that moment. A huge smile spread over her face as she turned to show me the display screen – a perfect picture.

She spent the next two hours photographing the barbecue, deleting pictures she didn't like, trying them again, and mastering the zoom feature. She also spent those hours discovering a new talent and building confidence in her ability to accomplish something independently. "I could be a photographer," she said to me at one point that evening. Sarah is a 14-year-old girl who has been abused, lacks a stable family situation, and lives at this home as an alternative to jail. And yes, she can be a photographer, or anything else she decides she'd like to be.



Lauren Perkins '04 and Erin Turcot '04 paint a map of the United States at The Girls Home of Rock Hill, SC

This is true for the majority of the girls who live at the home — among them is a girl who can run the 400 in one minute flat and a girl with the charm, voice, and presence to make it on the big stage.

The digital camera that we carelessly schlep around campus to quickly capture routine Hamilton events fell into new hands that day. I'm sure the media board that approved its purchase never considered this use. The camera is now back home, living out its days in a dusty drawer in the Spec offices on the third floor of Bristol. But for one night, the camera was not just another object that those privileged to have access to such an item treated with indifference. It was a source of learning and of hope for the future.

Shameless *Spectator* plug section: Spec staff hard at work

Arlette Barahona '03, cartoonist and Jim Du Vernay '03, news editor, ride an ATV from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department on the beach at Jupiter Island, Fla.

Chris La Rosa '03, Editor-in-Chief, Cristen Sargent '01, Features Editor, and Amanda Chase '03, Sports Writer, paint a doorway at The Girls Home in Rock Hill, SC The group spent the mornings painting and completeing other fix-up projects. In the afternoons, they would have lunch with the girls and play games with them .

Johns Island, SC

by Jessica Atcheson '04
PARTICIPANT/FEATURES WRITER

What do you get when you put eleven enthusiastic Hamilton students in a Jitney headed to South Carolina to do volunteer work? A fun, meaningful, and genuinely unforgettable Alternative Spring Break experience. So goes the motto, "ASB. Be it. Love it. Live it." As a member of the ASB trip to John's Island, South Carolina (one of seven total trips this year) and a first time Alternative Spring Breaker, I found the experience to be so much more than I had anticipated.

Our group consisted of nine participants and two fearless leaders, Ali Jackson '02 and Steve Guditus '01. As participant Crystal Kim '04 says, pointing out the great group dynamics that emerged over the course of our week together, "It felt like we were a family." Banding together, we traveled to John's Island, just outside of Charleston, to work with Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach in their many activities assisting local citizens in need. The work we did there, under the direction of our contact Sister Carol Wentworth, included a variety of activities.

We painted houses as part of Our Lady of Mercy's Neighborly Assistance in Living Safely Program (N.A.I.L.S.) and discovered that it's amazing what a coat of paint can do. We helped tutor elementary school children in grades two through five in the after-school program that Our Lady of Mercy runs, helping with long division and spelling words and playing games or reading with the children after their homework was finished. Just four days of working with children in that setting makes you realize the potential that each child holds and all that they have ahead of them; you realize the incredible importance of education and the need for people to help those children realize their potential and reach for their dreams.

While we were there, we also had the fortunate chance to experience the culture of the area. Our Lady of Mercy set up an afternoon of African drumming and dancing in which, following the lead of a group of middle school children, we saluted the sun and learned the beats and movements to a dance that told the story of the planting of crops. This activity was organized in conjunction with learning about the local Gullah culture, a distinctive culture and language that has its roots in West Africa.

In our free time our group also toured the nearby city of Charleston, learning the legends and ghost stories of the third most haunted city in the United States on a guided ghost walk and exploring the historical district, with its houses seemingly frozen in a different time, on our own.

An amazing experience, what our ASB trip to John's Island really left me with, besides great memories of our group, the work we did, and the fun we had, was the desire to do more. I wanted to stay longer; I wanted to paint more houses; I wanted to get to know the children better. There is the idea that when people make the effort, they can make a difference; this trip made that idea a reality.

Consider the slips of paper that Sister Carol left with each of us at our departure. They had a quote by anthropologist Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

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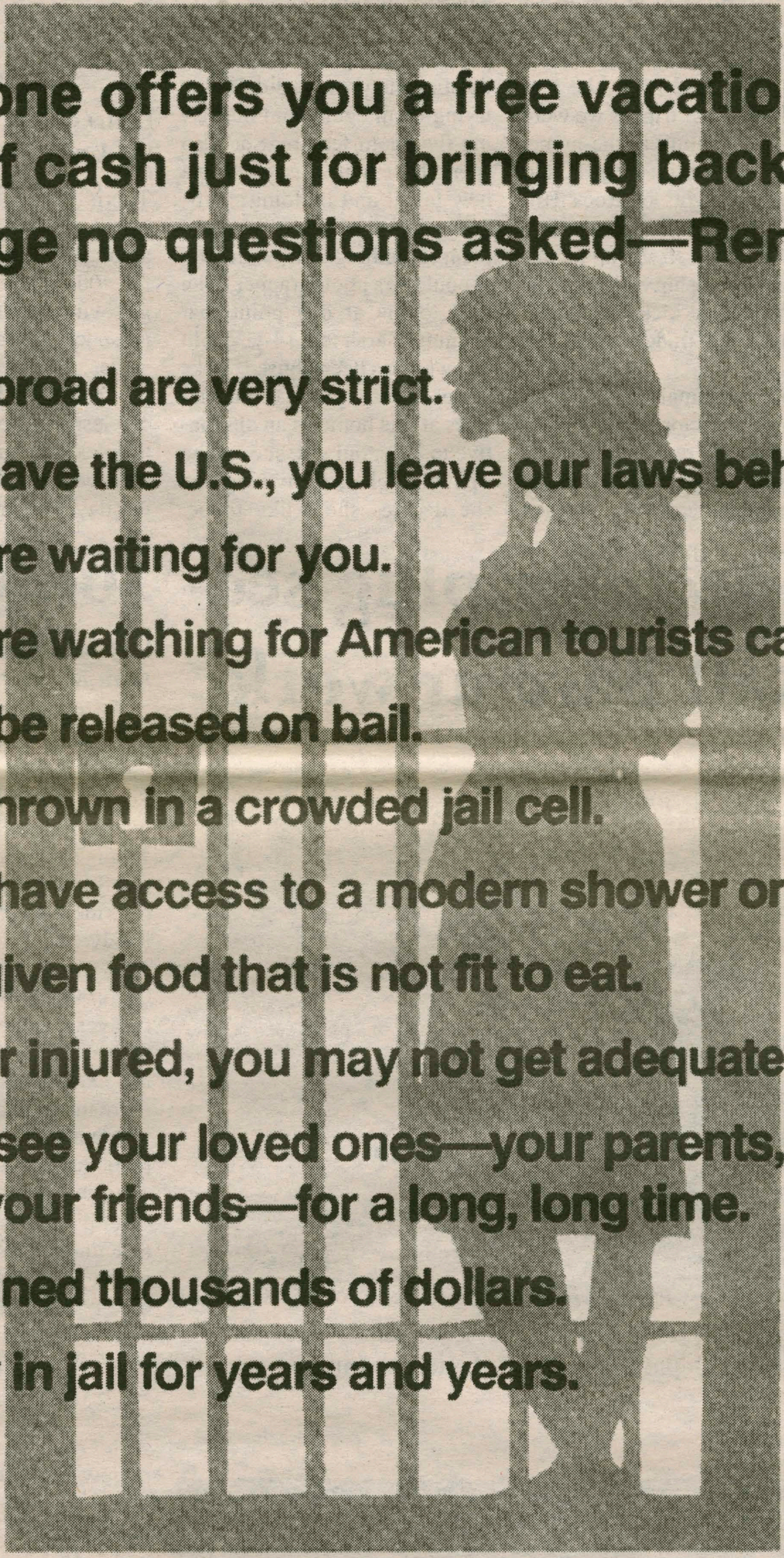

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Arts & Entertainment

Gladiator takes top Oscar in 2000 Academy Awards

by Matthew Olney
A&E EDITOR

Last Sunday, the envelopes were opened and those beautiful eight–pound statuettes were handed to some very lucky people. Yes, it is Oscar time; a time that most film buffs, like myself, wait for all year. Famous actors walk the red carpet in their Versace and are asked meaningless questions by Joan Rivers and her annoying daughter.

This year there were a few surprises, like Marcia Gay Harden's win over Kate Hudson and Judi Dench in the Best Supporting Actress category, and Steven Soderbergh's victory over Ang Lee and Ridley Scott in the Best Director category.

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Russell Crowe grabbed the Best Actor Award for his role in *Gladiator*

For the most part, however, the favorites won the oscars.

The Roman epic *Gladiator* took home the Best Picture Oscar, and its star Russell Crowe won the Best Actor category. In all, *Gladiator* won five awards; *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* won four, including Best Cinematography and Best Foreign Language Film; and *Traffic* won four, including Best Director, Best Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actor (Benicio Del Toro).

For many, including myself, the Oscars were a disappointment. They were disappointing because the Academy took too many superfluous factors into consideration when awarding the Oscars, and they overlooked factors that should have counted. Take the Best Actress Oscar awarded to Julia Roberts. Rarely did I hear about Julia's performance as an actress. Everyone seemed so obsessed with the fact that Julia has never won an Oscar that they failed to see other performances in the Best Oscar category, like Laura Linney's. Laura Linney is not as pretty as Roberts, nor does she have as impressive a filmography, but let's look at her performance in *You Can Count On Me.* Linney showed a much wider range of emotion, had as difficult a dialogue, and had just as impressive screen presence as Roberts. Furthermore, Linney's character worked very well with her supporting cast. But she is not Julia Roberts, and that is all that matters here. If Roberts had starred in *You Can Count On Me* and Linney played Roberts's character in *Erin Brockovich*, Roberts would have still won the Oscar and Linney would have again been overlooked. What it comes down to is that Roberts's and Linney's acting was overlooked. If the Academy members could have disregarded the fact that Roberts had yet to win an Oscar, they would have seen that Linney gave the boldest and best female performance of the year.

The Male Best Actor category yielded similar results. It still baffles me how Russell Crowe was given the Oscar for his role as Maximus in *Gladiator.* Maybe it was compensation for the Oscar he should have won for his portrayal as Jeffrey Wygand in last year's film, *The Insider.* If this is the case (which it probably is), Ed Harris should be very upset. His performance as artist Jackson Pollock was outstanding. It was accurate, edgy, and raw. While Crowe had to worry about the position of the sword in his hand or where he should stand to avoid the computer–generated extras that were later added, Harris relied on pure emotion. He transformed himself into Pollock, and it is unfortunate that the Academy chose the more popular nominee instead of the best performance.

And then there is *Gladiator*, winner of the Best Picture award. *Gladiator* is nothing more than a cheapened rip-off of *Spartacus* and *Ben-Hur*, and established critics agree. Filmcritic.com gave *Gladiator* three out of five stars, calling the film "a less than reputable melange of *Braveheart* and *Mad Max: Beyond Thunder.* Roger Ebert gave *Gladiator* two out of four stars. He says, "The story line is *Rocky* on downers...it lacks joy." He also believes that

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Roberts holding her statuette for *Erin Brockovich.*

it is the worst film ever to be awarded the Best Picture Oscar. The *LA Times* gave *Gladiator* an average review, claiming that it "makes the most of what it does well and hopes you won't notice its limitations." I, along with many other moviegoers and critics, did notice them. Its story was trite, its coloration was fuzzy, and its effects were flawed.

Almost Famous (which wasn't even nominated for the Best Picture Award) and *Traffic* were much better films. *Almost Famous* is the creative, well written semi-autobiographical tale of writer-director Cameron Crowe's time spent as a *Rolling Stone* writer. The acting is superb and the dialogue is unmatched. It is easy to identify with the characters. *Almost Famous* received much praise at the Golden Globes, and it is a shock that it was not nominated for the Best Picture award.

Steven Soderbergh's *Traffic* was nominated for the award. *Traffic* was filmed in an almost documentary style fashion, effectively placing you in the movie along with the main characters. The acting in this film was much better than that in *Gladiator*, especially Del Toro's, who so deservingly won the Best Supporting Actor Award. The cinematography, sound, and editing were also top notch. What really made this film was its realistic nature. You'll find no storybook ending to *Traffic.* It is

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The Mexican is a brainless romp

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

After all the bad reviews I read about *The Mexican*, I was expecting the worst. As it turned out, the film is entertaining, in spite of its flaws. It has all of the necessary ingredients to be the perfect vehicle of escape: pretty faces, skinny legs, upbeat music, humor (of the thank-God-that's-not-happening-to-ME variety), and sunny, beautiful blue skies (just like here at Hamilton!) "Superficiality" is the first word that comes to mind about this picture.

The title of the film is the name of a mystic, elusive, and very expensive gun fashioned in the 1800s in Mexico. Jerry (Brad Pitt), a thug with a heart of gold and a surfer-boy vocabulary, is hired to find the gun and its current owner and bring both back Stateside. Jerry's first problem (he will encounter many others) is that Samantha (Julia Roberts), aside from not approving of his illicit activities, is hysterical about Jerry bailing out on their trip to Vegas, where they were to be married. And here begins the other plotline. While Jerry is in Mexico, where everything is going wrong, Samantha decides to drive to Vegas on her own. Leroy (James Gandolfini), a hitman who uses Samantha to coax the Mexican from Jerry, kidnaps her during her trip. Underneath his tough exterior, Leroy hides his true nature of teary-eyed, sensitive therapist and helps piece together Jerry and Sam's relationship. Credible? I think not.

It is this side-plot of Samantha and Leroy becoming pals that I had the hardest time digesting. The whole premise is preposterous, and what a cheap trick on director Gore Verbinski's part to rely on Gandolfini's notoriety as Tony Soprano (from the HBO series) to give him real credibility as an assassin rather than use anything from the film itself to establish his character. Thank goodness we have Jerry and his misadventures across the border to keep us laughing. The half of the film that involves Jerry is much better. Brad Pitt can really pull off a confused

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Pitt and Roberts sharing a moment in *The Mexican.*

individual with charm and humor. His side of the story is truly a comedy of errors, as opposed to the psycho-babble that goes on between Samantha and Leroy. *The Mexican*, in the end, is just a light-weight, sunny, and brainless romp. See it if you need a break from central New York's "springtime" weather.

Hamilton Classic Film Society

TOUCH OF EVIL

Starring Orson Welles and Charlton Heston

Friday, March 30 10:00 PM

Sunday, April 1 4:00 PM

KJ Auditorium

On the Hill this week

John O'Neal performs in Wellin Hall

PRESS RELEASE

The Hamilton College Department of Theatre and Dance and The Performing Arts At Hamilton will present playwright and actor John O'Neal Saturday, March 31, 2001, 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. This performance is the culmination of a campus residency sponsored by Hamilton College's Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender and Society in Culture. O'Neal's residency will include workshops, master classes, and a free public performance of *'Til the Midnight Hour: Sayings and Writings of Junebug Jabbo Jones, Volume III.*

'Til the Midnight Hour is the third play in the Junebug Jabbo Jones cycle of plays and is written and performed by John O'Neal, with Steven Kent directing. It is primarily the story of Bo Willie Boudreaux, a young man and a serious scoundrel. The play looks at Bo Willie's motivation to do wrong and what it will take to make him do right. *'Til the Midnight Hour* was co-commissioned in 1997 by the Carver Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas and was premiered in February, 2001.

Playwright and actor John O'Neal has been a leading advocate of the view that "politics" and "art" are complementary, not opposing, terms. His work as a writer, director, and performer has taken him to audiences throughout North America and Europe. A graduate of Southern Illinois University, Mr. O'Neal, born in Illinois, formed the Free Southern Theater in 1963. The Free Southern Theater's purpose was to "use theater as an instrument to stimulate the development of critical and reflective thought among Black people in the South." In 1980, the Free Southern Theater disbanded and O'Neal organized Junebug Productions, where he now serves as Artistic Director. Junebug Productions is a professional African American arts organization located in New Orleans, LA. The mission of Junebug Productions is to create, produce, and present high quality theatre, dance, and music that inspire and support people who work for justice in the African American community and in the world at large.

The Saturday performance of *'Til the Midnight Hour* is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. For more information, call the Performing Arts Box Office at (315) 859-4331.

College Choir sings *a cappella* concert

PRESS RELEASE

The Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers will perform on Friday, March 30 at 8 p.m. in Wellin Hall of the Schambach Center in an *a cappella* concert featuring the repertoire performed on a recent tour of Italy (with concerts in Venice, Bologna, Florence, Perugia, Rome). Under the direction of G. Roberts Kolb (professor of music), the Hamilton College Choir will perform works by Tallis, Palestrina, Brahms, Verdi, Rorem, and Lauridesn, as well as several spirituals.

The Hamilton College Choir has a history of performance dating back over a century. As part of a college committed to the liberal arts, its members represent a wide variety of academic interests and pursuits. The College Hill Singers is a chamber vocal ensemble that draws its singers from the College Choir. The choral program at Hamilton also includes the Oratorio Society, an organization of communities that performs major works with orchestra each semester. G. Roberts Kolb is the Christian A. Johnson "Excellence in Teaching" Professor of Music and Director of Choral Music at Hamilton College. He has been musical director of both the Syracuse Vocal Ensemble and the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble (Ithaca, NY), and is director of music at the Stone Presbyterian Church in Clinton. A member of the national research and publications committee of the American Choral Directors Association, he is a contributing author to *Up Front! Becoming the Complete Choral Conductor.*

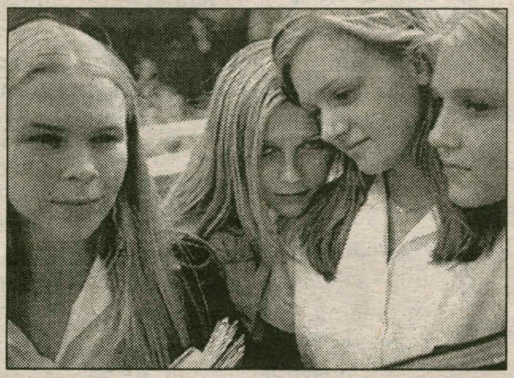
New to Video: *The Virgin Suicides*

by Priyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

Sofia Coppola's directorial debut, *The Virgin Suicides* is a dark comedy set in suburban Michigan. Based on Jeffrey Euniedes's immensely popular novel, this is an ethereal film that delves into the murky depths of the adolescent mind.

The virgins are the Lisbon girls (Kirsten Dunst, Hanna Hall, AJ Cook, Chelse Swain, and Leslie Hayman). Blonde, beautiful, and completely unattainable, they are almost angelic to the boys around them.

This dark tale is seen through the eyes of five boys who are haunted by the images of the five sisters. Narrated by Giovanni Ribisi, the film poetically presents the trajectory of events leading to their suicides. With an ineffectual, dominated father (James Woods) and a God-fearing, rigid mother (Kathleen Turner), the girls lead an overly sheltered life. They are forbidden from doing almost everything and live practically under house arrest. The suicide of the youngest daughter (Hanna Hall) results in the rules being relaxed a little, yet the behavior of the girls becomes even more disturbing. Lux (Kirsten Dunst) falls in love with Trip Fontaine (Josh Hartnett), only to have her heart broken. From then on she uses all her charm to satisfy her insatiable sexual appetite. To protect her family, Mrs. Lisbon cuts them off from society completely, and the five boys try to understand the mystical sisters.



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Cook, Dunst, Hayman, and Hall are the virgins in *The Virgin Suicides*.

25 years later, the boys are still puzzled by the inexplicable deaths of the five sisters. Try as they might, they cannot put the pieces together, and the audience is not expected to either. There is a sense of emotional detachment in this film, which both adds and detracts from it. It is an extension of the luminous, dreamlike quality, yet it gives the film an incomplete, jagged edge. The characters are one-dimensional and underdeveloped, and though the story is based on the five sisters, the others are merely shadows of Lux.

The performances are strong. Dunst is a heady mixture of vulnerability and wickedness. Harnett is great as egoistical jock Trip Fontaine. Kathleen Turner bravely portrays the religious, fanatical Mrs. Lisbon. The other sisters do not create much of an impact, due to lack of substance of the roles. The morbid subject and the quirky humor pull the audience into the stifling, death-obsessed atmosphere of this film. Coppola's attentive eye for detail and music by the French band, *Air*, create a hypnotic, smothering effect. This is a powerful film that seduces and grips the audience and reflects the eerie reality of the lost innocence of adolescents.

Critical Mass film festival this weekend

Hamilton College will be holding its second annual Critical Mass Film Festival Friday, March 30th and Saturday March, 31st. Events will kick off on Friday night when Hamilton alumnus David Gaynes presents three of his documentaries. "Pet Peeves," a documentary on animal shelters in the Utica area, will be screened at 8:00 p.m., and a brief discussion will follow. "Bus Stories" will be shown immediately following that. Saturday will witness the screenings of approximately thirty films from the best and brightest (and unknown) independent filmmakers from around the world. Screenings begin bright and early on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. During the afternoon film scholar Scott MacDonald will give a lecture on the recent trends in avant-garde film. After a recess for dinner, screenings will recommence at 7 p.m., finishing around midnight. All screenings and Scott MacDonald's lecture are free and open to the public. The films and lecture will both take place on the Hamilton College campus in the Kirner-Johnson building.

Screening Schedule:

9 a.m.-Noon KJ AUD
Pour L'amour du Cinema, Tim Swanson Interlaced, J. Pash Rattus Maximus, Melanie Hubbard Shame, Fatima Mojadiddy Elmina, Greg Marcks Lector, Greg Marcks Phase and (de)compression, Shawn Yashir Yolk, Gus Ma Nowhereland, Ted Mills Texas Trail: First Hand in Bush Land, Yu Yu Din Preacher, Peter Moran

1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. KJ AUD
Representative Earl Harris, Malcolm Pelles The Offering, Paul Lee Broken, Jesse Vile and Ron Koenig Wanna Be in Pictures, Joed Adair 3571 Edgewood Road, Lauren Koss

At approximately 3:30 p.m., Scott MacDonald will give his lecture on current trends in avant-garde cinema. He will show and discuss the following films: Arbor Vitae, Nathaniel Dorsky; The Color of Love, Peggy Awash; Commingled Containers, Stan Brakhage; Alone: Life Wastes Andy Hardy.

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. KJ AUD
Don't Watch This Show!, Mick McCleery Flipping the Whale, Sean Guinan

9 p.m.-Midnight RED PIT
Somewhere I was Born, Tony Gault kalin's prayer, DeSales Subterranean Passage, Michael Crochetiere Mini Driver Project, Dawn Westlake Manbeast, Alec Charles Anderson, Jason Doty Breaths, Amy Ellison Values, Van Phan disABLEd, Justin Downing Chips, Gus Ma

The Oscars disappoint

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about the war on drugs, a war that we cannot and will not win.

In the end *Gladiator* won, and it is no coincidence that Ridley Scott's film made more money at the box office than did *Traffic* and *Almost Famous* combined. It is also no coincidence that *Gladiator's* distribution company spent more money campaigning for the Oscars than did *Traffic's*. It came down to the fact that the Academy once again overlooked what the Oscars are truly about: awarding the best and most deserving people in the acting business. *Gladiator* is a good film, but to say that it was the best film of the year is foolish. *Traffic* and *Almost Famous* are better films, and most critics would agree.

This is not the first time the Oscars have chosen the more popular film. In 1979 *Kramer vs. Kramer* defeated *Apocalypse Now* for the Best Picture Award because *Kramer vs. Kramer* starred more popular actors and *Apocalypse Now* depicted drug use. More recently, *Titanic* beat out *LA Confidential* despite poor acting from Leonardo DiCaprio and a script that was not even nominated. And we all know how *Titanic* did at the box office.

Now I'm rambling. The Oscars are over and we all must deal with their disastrous results. Maybe the month of March is to be blamed. As the great Hunter S. Thompson says, "Nothing good has Ever happened in March. It is a time of deep mud, foul treachery, and Disaster is Certain because March is ruled by Mars. The sun is in Pisces, which is the worst time of Any year for making Decisions." Hey, someone or something has to take the blame.

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A deserving Soderbergh proudly displays his screenwriting Oscar.

The Science Pages

Can physics explain the universe with strings?

by Sam Baker '04
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As we learn more and more about the physics of our world, scientists continue to search for a unification of all the different areas of physics, a theory that would explain all the phenomena we observe. This Theory Of Everything, or TOE, has become the Holy Grail of physics.

Today, many scientists are following string theory in the hope that it will lead to this Ultimate Theory. String theory first originated in the late 1950s in the work of the physicist Yoichiro Nambu, but his ideas were all but abandoned due to their inconsistencies and contradictions.

In 1984 two physicists met by chance at CERN (European Center for Nuclear Research) in Switzerland. Michael Green and John Schwarz began to discuss the old theory, and in August of that same year, they reported a revision of string theory to their colleagues.

Their new version of string theory began to sweep away the old theory's problems, gaining the physicists new attention in the scientific community. As a result physics turned to string theory, and it has since become the most promising candidate for a theory of everything.

String theory envisions the building block of matter and force not as a particle at all, but as tiny vibrating strings. The different vibration patterns and frequencies of these strings would correspond to the elementary particles already observed by physicists, such as quarks, neutrinos and electrons. From the famous Einsteinian relationship between mass and energy, $E=mc^2$, a higher energy vibration of a string would mean a heavier particle.

The problem in testing this theory is that the strings operate on incredibly small scales, making them quite difficult to observe. The Planck length, named for the famous physicist Max Planck, is10-33 cm. That is a millionth of a billionth of a billionth of a billionth of a centimeter. Strings are thought to exist on sub-Planck scales.

The most effective research tool physicists can use to peer into the small scale world of elementary particles is the particle accelerator. These machines speed particles through large accelerating rings and collide them with other particles. The collisions result in a shower of radiation that is measured by special detectors.

Supercomputers help to sort out the experimental data collected, and the interactions of the particles can be accurately described. Scientists can then study this data to learn more about these particles. The smaller the scale scientists wish to probe, the more energy needed and the larger the accelerators must be to run the experiments.

To take a look at strings, we would need a particle accelerator the size of our galaxy, and an incredible amount of energy. This unfortunate obstacle has plagued string theorists for years

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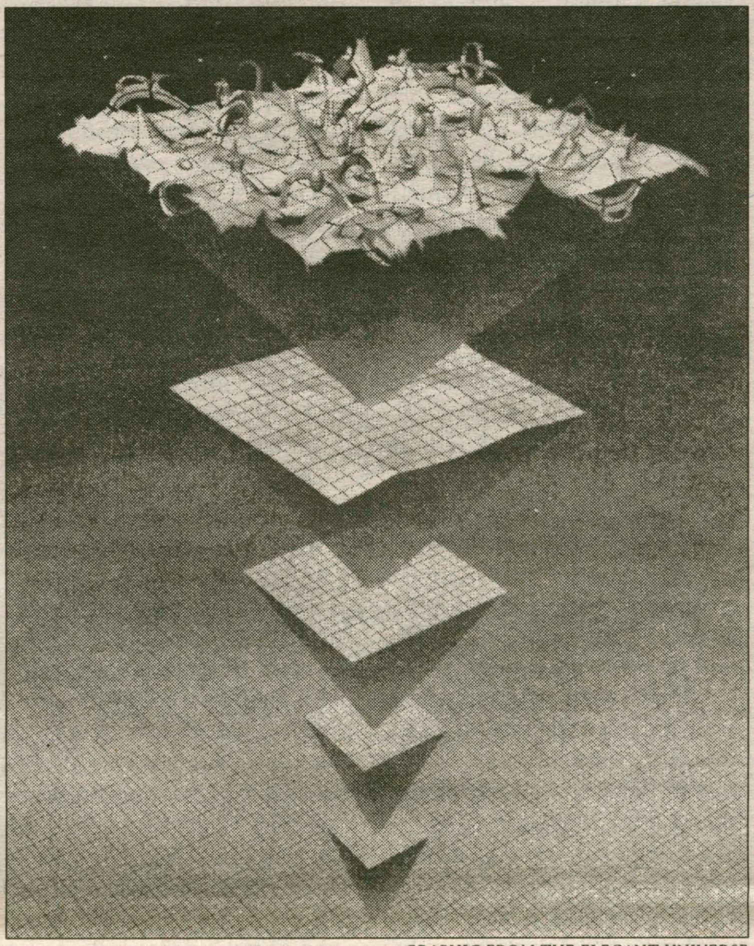

GRAPHIC FROM THE ELEGANT UNIVERSE

Some physicists think that a magnification of matter might reveal something like this.

Boisselier elects to focus on outside research

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tively new and poorly understood techniques being used in cloning efforts, as well as the negative effects they may have on fetal development.

Boisselier made the case that cloning is simply an extension of in-vitro fertilization, which was once decried as monstrous by the same 80 percent of the population that now supports it.

On Wednesday afternoon the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce heard arguments advocating or opposing cloning from 15 scientists, religious magnates, philosophers, biotech CEOs and federal regulatory officials. Senior government major Ben Pastor, an intern with Hamilton's Head of Media Relations Sharon Rippey, packed into a room in the Rayburn building with dozens of reporters to listen to seven hours of hearings.

"It was amazing to be there and watch a grueling and intense questioning," he said. Pastor said there were also observers in the audience wearing yellow "Yes for Cloning" pins.

Boisselier argued the scientific feasibility of human cloning briefly and then read an excerpt from a passionate letter written to her by the father of a child who died at the age of 10 months. That father is convinced that his child is destined to live, and he has financially backed the initiative to clone the DNA in his child's dead cells.

The opposing testimonies shared the belief that cloning must be regulated, if not banned outright, by the federal government. Indeed much of the debate has proceeded with a skepticism from law makers that demands cloning researchers to prove that human cloning must happen now, and not in the future when many of the risks have been studied further.

How to regulate cloning, however, is a major source of contention that the subcommittee sought to untangle on Wednesday. Currently, the Food and Drug Administration claims jurisdiction over cloning research, but it became obvious during the hearing that serious doubts exist about whether the FDA in fact has the authority it says it has.

The confusion over jurisdiction, according to Boisselier, is part of the reason two FDA officials waited to track her down on campus until late Monday afternoon. Though the FDA knew of Boisselier's research for weeks, officials questioned her to only two days before the hearing in Washington.

The FDA interviewers arrived on campus Monday afternoon and delivered a letter to Boisselier that stated "the Food and Drug Administration has jurisdiction over clinical research using cloning technology to create a human being." The letter described the FDA regulatory process that is required in the United States before Boisselier or any other investigator can proceed with such a clinical investigation.

Similar to arguments made by many scientific organizations, ethicists, and other critics of cloning, the FDA letter addressed the "major unresolved safety questions pertaining to the use of cloning technology."

When researchers seek to use a new drug in clinical trials, they must submit an investigational new drug application (IND) to the FDA in order to ensure that potentially dangerous experiments are carried out in accordance with federal laws. The FDA can halt research if an IND indicates high risk to the subjects of proposed studies, or if "the clinical investigators...are not qualified by reason of their scientific training and experience to conduct the investigation."

But cloning may not be considered a drug, so it may be outside of the reach of the FDA's regulatory reach.

In his statement on Wednesday, Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce W.J. "Billy" Tauzin (R-LA) echoed the possibility that the FDA's jurisdictional claim may suffer from being a "square peg in a round hole." Tauzin, who said "I frankly do not find it obvious that a human fetus is a drug," also anticipated the lack of moral or ethical concerns that might become problematic if old federal laws are reinterpreted to cover new cloning activities.

"Cloning is not a new drug," said Boisselier. "It is a new way to prepare an embryo, but there is no new drug used in the process." This technicality will likely be ironed out as legislators tackle cloning more completely, but Boisselier said it justified her deferral of several questions to Clonaid's lawyers.

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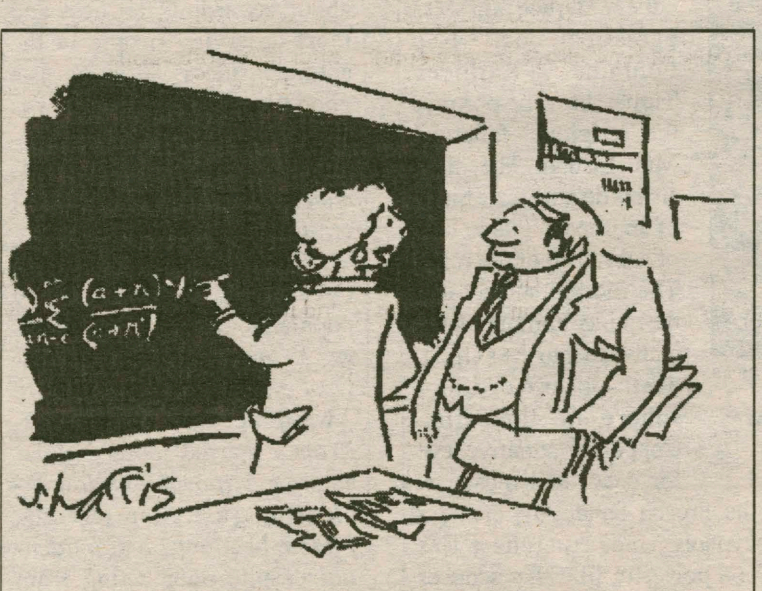

"The beauty of math, of course, is that we don't even need an ethicist."

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BOISSELIER RESIGNS

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The last six months have been busy for Boisselier. In addition to congressional subcommittees, journalists from Canada, the United States and Europe have been hounding her for interviews. Her children are five hours away in Montreal. She has a full time commitment to teach a class of mostly sophomores introductory biochemistry. She has Clonaid, which claims to be within months of implanting the first cloned embryo into a surrogate mother.

"Its obvious that you can't teach part time and run a company part time and succeed at both," she said. "Its not wise."

Roughly a month ago Boisselier spoke with Chair of Chemistry George Shields about the increasing demands on her schedule. Shields replied that he would devote his time to whatever he thought would have the most impact, whether that meant pursuing Clonaid or her visiting professorship at Hamilton. Last week, she turned in her letter of resignation.

"I think that she is doing the best thing for her and the best thing for the college," said Shields.

Boisselier said that teaching young students has been a lifelong goal, and that the decision to leave Hamilton has been difficult. Both Shields and Boisselier stressed in interviews this week that there was neither suggestion nor coercion to affect her decision. The college has begun the search for a replacement professor in biochemistry, according to Dean of Faculty David Paris.

Is string theory the answer?

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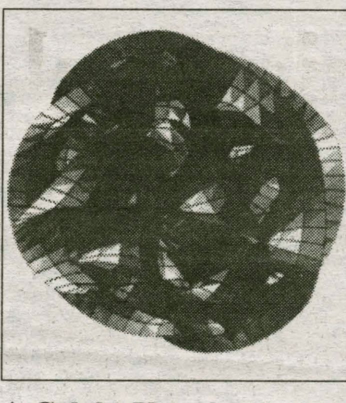
and has forced them to rely on pure mathematical reason to support their theories, instead of concrete experimental evidence.

The mathematics of the theory require that the universe be composed of 10 dimensions. To explain why we only experience three spatial dimensions, physicists hypothesized that these extra dimensions are tiny and curled up into spaces so small (sub-planck length) that they are imperceptible to human beings.

The extra-dimensional geometry of these curled up dimensions (that is, the specific way in which they are curled) determines fundamental physical attributes like particle masses and charges that we observe in usual three large dimensions of common experience. The complex calculations yield very specific shapes, named Calabi-Yau shapes for Eugenio Calabi from the University of California and Shing-Tung Yau from Harvard University. These shapes are important because they restrict how the strings can vibrate.



GRAPHIC FROM THE ELEGANT UNIVERSE

A Calabi-Yau shape.

String theory sheds amazing light on the perplexing subject of black hole quantum mechanics. Physics Professor Seth Major studies quantum gravity. He is focused on uncovering more about the 'quantumness' of the forces of gravity, so string theory's validity is of concern to him.

"There is a price we pay for a theory so encompassing that would unify and explain all the forces of nature, the electromagnetic, the weak, and strong forces and gravity," said Major. "One must be revolutionary and broadminded. String theory is one possibility, but it comes along with physics, such as 10 dimensional spacetimes and supersymmetry, which we have not yet observed."

String theory has run into many obstacles, but it has evolved over the years and remains the most promising candidate for a Theory of Everything.

Maggots! Eating their way to healthy human flesh

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE WRITER

What's white, one centimeter long, and one of the best and fastest growing treatments in the medical profession? Maggots! Disgusting or not, maggots now have a legitimate place in medicine: inside open wounds.

To many people, the "yuck factor," or perhaps even the horror of maggot therapy, is too much to handle, but these little fly larvae are one of the most effective methods of debriding, or cleaning, open wounds.

Maggots, which may seem repulsive, are simply the larvae of the green blowfly, the use of which is not a new endeavor. In fact, it dates back to the Napoleonic wars, when doctors noticed that soldiers whose wounds were naturally infected with maggots, in a process called myiasis, healed much faster, or at least fared better, than those that had not been infected with maggots. Since then, maggot therapy continued to be used as a cheap and effective way to clean wounds in battle, and it was used extensively in World War I as one of the leading treatments of soft-tissue and even bone infections.

Dr. Maggot reporting.

The 1940s brought the downfall of maggot therapy, as antibiotics became the universal treatment for cleaning open wounds and improvements in modern surgery turned patients away from the tiny little samaritans. Maggots were suddenly lost to the medical profession, but not for long.

Dr. Ronald Sherman of the Department of Pathology and Medicine at the University of California-Irvine single-handedly brought about the maggot resurrection in modern medicine with the instatement of MDT, maggot debridement therapy, and he now sells maggots to healthcare providers across the country.

Maggots have been placed back in action in 22 institutions across the country, and even more extensively in the United Kingdom. Maggots prove so beneficial to modern medicine because of their ability to remove the necrotic tissue, or dead skin, from severe open wounds.

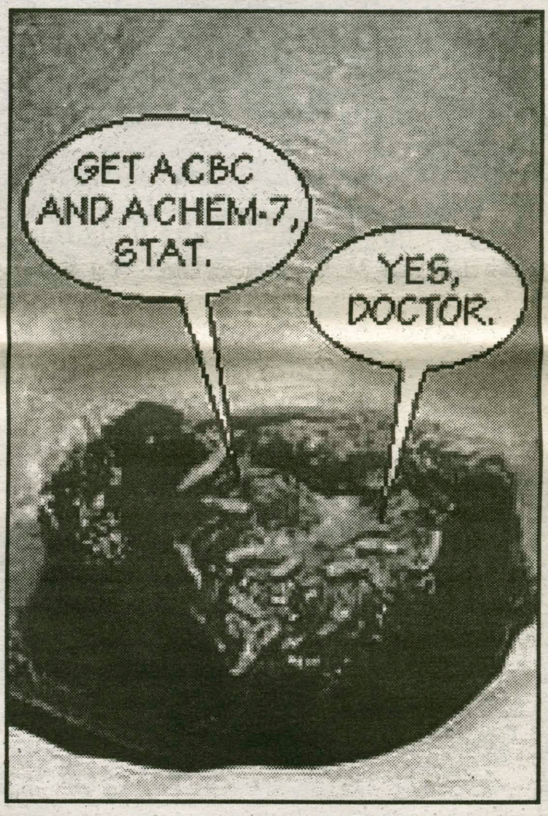
Maggots are used on many patients with severe burns, but their primary clientele are those with diabetes, for whom restricted circulation is a problem. This can cause gangrene in the extremities, most commonly in the legs and feet, and neuropathy, or nerve damage. Patients with neuropathy have a tendency to accumulate traumas in these areas, causing the skin to break down and die. In these cases, doctors fear removing the dead skin to access the wound because many of these patients have decreased immune responses; cutting the dead skin away can create more severe problems of infection. But without its removal, antibiotics are not effective.

Enter the maggot. Maggots are placed on the open wound, with no more than 10 present in one square centimeter. The wound is then covered with a thin piece of gauze to prevent the maggots from escaping. The maggots begin by secreting enzymes that break down the dead tissue into a soup-like state that they can ingest. The maggots are also helpful in ridding the wound of bacteria, as they produce an ammonia-like secretion that kills and enables them to digest bacteria. After one to three days, the dressing is removed from the wound, and the maggots, which have grown up to ten times their original size, are easily removed, leaving behind germ-free healthy skin.

With the recent shift back to maggot therapy, its track record is getting better. Studies across the country have similar results: maggot-treated wounds are debrided and heal faster than conventionally treated wounds. Praise for maggots has been sung throughout the world, as they have been credited with saving countless limbs and various gangrenous extremities from amputation.

Maggots are also involved in studies with cancer patients in British hospitals. Tumors are injected with compounds that are attractive to maggots, enticing them to feed on the tumor. It is believed that maggots can remove tumors more cleanly than scalpels, and encourage faster wound healing than surgery does. This technique reportedly works exceptionally well on skin cancers, as the maggots leave little scar tissue behind.

Maggot therapy is also noted for the lack of risk or severe diverse effect upon the patient receiving the treatment. As the maggots only devour the dead tissue, there is no threat to the healthy tissue. There is also no fear that the maggots will remain in the wound, as the larva must leave the wound to develop, or the maggot will die. Some patients have noted a tickling or moving sensation on the skin, but to most the maggots are hardly noticeable.



Maggots hard at work.

Maggots used in MDT are acquired from Dr. Sherman, who raises them himself. Green blowflies lay eggs on rotting pieces of meat left out in the lab, which are collected before they hatch. The eggs are placed in a solution of sodium hypochlorite, keeping them from growing into the adult state. The eggs are then placed in sterile containers and allowed to hatch 24 to 48 hours after their collection.

Once the eggs hatch, producing hundreds of tiny maggots, they are shipped across the country in sterile containers to the facilities that have purchased them. At a relatively cheap price, 1000 sterile maggots sell for only $52.50, and in most cases Medicare covers maggot debridement therapy.

While maggot therapy may not be the best course of treatment for those who are incredibly squeamish, the fact is, it works. Even though it's becoming more mainstream every day, many still have issues with maggot therapy. The use of euphemisms has greatly helped this problem in Britain, as maggot debridement therapy is more politely referred to as "larval therapy," or even more generally as "biotherapy." Call it what you will, maggots are our friends, and their continued use in medicine may eventually boost their standing in society.

Summer Intern Wanted
The Student Activities Office is looking for one current student to work in our busy office during the summer months. Applicants should have Microsoft Office '98 experience, excellent customer service skills, and strong attention to detail. On-call facility responsibilities with housing provided. Please submit a letter of application, explaining qualifications and relevant experience to: Beverly Low, Director of Student Activities. The deadline is Friday, April 13. Contact x4194 for further info or email <tgallagh>.

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Men's Track sends successful relay team to ECAC's

Outdoor team looks ahead to spring season with confidence

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

Temperatures in the high 50's are expected for the opening meet of Spring Track this weekend.

The men's team opens the season with a highly competitive meet at West Point this Saturday.

Over thirty schools from Division I, II, and III will be competing.

The strong competition combined with the nice weather and 400 meter track will hopefully help the men start the season off with impressive performances.

Impressive performances are what the men's team ended with in the indoor season.

The final meet of the season was the ECAC's at Boston University. The races were on a banked 200 meter track. Four men qualified to run at ECAC's.

Co-Captains Scott Taylor '01 and Sam Brown '01 combined with Doug Zeyak '02 and Ryan Murelli '02 to represent the Hamilton men at the meet.

The four ran together in an exciting 4x800 race in which they placed 3rd. Their time of 7:57.95 was a personal best.

Brown and Zeyak also each placed in the open 1000. Brown led the way taking 3rd with a new school record and personal best of 2:31.61.

Zeyak followed close behind, taking 4th and also breaking the former school record in a personal best time of 2:33.02.

Taylor ran in the open 1500 in a time of 4:05.03.

The foursome together scored more total points than other teams whose whole team was present.

These four will continue to be a core of the team in middle distance and distance events in the outdoor season along with other veterans such as John Damaske '02, Nate Arnold '03, Paul Jones '03, Dan Leonard '03, and Fletcher Malcom '03.

Coach Brett Hull commented, "Middle distance and distance runners will do very well in the 1500 and 800. Damaske and Arnold will also continue to develop in the 5000 and 3000."

Veterans Darren Block '01, Tony Coudert '01, Elijah "Juice" Huling '04, and Greg Zalasky '04 will light up the sprints with the help of some newcomers. Jeff Corey '04 and Alex Mayes '04 join the men's team for the outdoor season.

"The short sprints should be strong with Corey coming off hockey combined with Huling and Zalasky," was Coach Hull's comment on the sprinters.

There will be greater variety of athletes and events in the field events this season.

Andy Inglis '01 in the pole vault, Tom Alberi '03 in the high jump and hurdles, Ryan Palmitesso '03 in the high jump, and Sandro Mei '04 in the throws are all seasoned field athletes.

Sky Gellatly '03 in the jumps and Ben Thorne '03 in the throws both rejoin the team from last year hoping to improve on their marks.

Rookie Jeff Barnett '01 will join them in the throws, Lewis Boyd '02 in the jumps, Joe Campanie '04 in the high jump, and Herman Chapman '04 in the high jump.

"The jumps are expected to be better this season with Gellatly back out there and with Boyd's potential. There's not a lot of experience in the throwing but Mei will keep working hard," Coach Hull commented on the field events.

Overall, the team is better rounded than in the indoor season.

There will be more competitors in every event this season, and more events to compete in. Hopefully, this will rack up some points for the men's team and help them qualify for the state competitions.

The hopes for this coming weekend are, according to Hull, to "Get our feet wet, get into the outdoor evens, with or against the wind, it's a short intense season but I'm very optimistic were going to do well. As the weather continues to improve, we will also."

Utica College gives Men's Lacrosse a wake up call

by Brent Lowinger '02
SPORTS WRITER

There is good news and bad news for the men's lacrosse team following Wednesday's 10-8 loss to Utica College.

The bad news is that they lost to Utica College!

The good news is that Utica College is not in the UCAA, so the loss does not affect the Continentals chance of scoring an elusive NCAA tournament bid.

In order to receive that bid, the Conts must finish first in the UCAA.

The Continentals jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. The Pioneers from Utica answered back, scoring four of the next five goals and taking a 4-3 lead into halftime.

Matt Silverio '03 scored two of the three Continental first half goals before a sideline gripe sent Silverio to the bench for the entire second half.

Coach Jaymie Block's no nonsense style of coaching was evident as he yanked one of his biggest offensive threats for half the game.

With Silverio gone, the offense needed to come from somewhere else.

Sean Lackaye '03 and Jay Morell '02 each tried to pick up the slack with two goals apiece.

Both players play in the midfield but were able to provide support for the Continental attack, which could not find the net.

Several Hamilton players commented that they had not seen a zone defense very often, and the offense was unable to adjust to the different style of play.

The Continentals fought from behind for the final thirty minutes of the contest.

Though they mounted a strong comeback behind the inspired play of Lackaye, the closest they would come was 9-8 with two minutes to play.

Utica College sealed the victory scoring the final goal to take a 10-8 win.

Hamilton is a team that needs to find itself.

Injuries suffered in Florida and a lack of ideal weather are two factors that the team has been faced with as they returned home from Florida.

In Florida, the team went 1-1 with a 10-7 win over NESCAC rival Trinity before falling 9-6 against Tufts.

The team looks decent at times with bright spots on offense, but only averaging eight goals per game will not win many games.

The offense needs to look around and figure out who is going to step up and take the team on their back.

It is early enough in the season to fix these problems, and they better, because the road ahead gets no easier.

The Conts take on Williams College this Sunday.

The game is here at Hamilton at 2PM and is the final tune-up for UCAA play, which begins here next Friday versus St. Lawrence at 4PM.

Give the team your support and watch as the team tries to answer the critics who are now starting to question them.

Crew teams continue to improve

by Caitlin Foley '04
SPOIRTS WRITER

After surviving a week of rigorous training at Camp Bob in South Carolina, the Hamilton men's and women's crew teams returned to the snow covered Erie Canal only to be limited to indoor practices.

Although they are forced to remain rowing on machines and doing technique work in the pool, the teams look forward to this weekend's competition.

The teams will travel to New Jersey this Saturday to compete in the Knecht Cup against teams such as Dowling, LaSalle, NYU, Delaware, SLU, NY Maritime, Manhattan, Maryland, and Fordham.

When asked how he expects his teams to perform, Coach Joe Bilyea simply looked out his office window and sighed.

"It will be tough because we won't have rowed in a week, but if we can go and be competitive with people who have been practicing on the water, then I will be satisfied," he commented.

The Continentals have reason to be optimistic.

They are coming off a successful season. Last spring was the second straight season for Hamilton in which they proved their competitive status.

The women improved last year to an 8th place finish in states, up from a previous 15th placing the year before.

They also made it to the Champion National Regatta.

The men's team won the Knecht Cup last year and looks to defend the title this Saturday.

The men and women are also coming off an impressive fall season, in which they had their best ever finish in the Head of the Charles.

Expectations for the crew teams are being raised again this season in an effort to maintain improvement in the young program.

"We hope to row at least as well as last year's team but to improve on last year's championship," said Bilyea.

He looks to team captains Beth Hayes '02, Denise Yerger '04, Reid Anderson '02, and Steve Larson '02 to lead the way among a mixture of experienced and novice rowers.

"Coming back from Camp Bob, we worked hard together," commented Hayes. "The experienced and new rowers will collectively make the team stronger."

In addition to the strength of the women veterans are freshmen recruits Sarah Williams and Kristen Dillner.

Bilyea also expressed that he has been pleased with the performance of Kym Payne '04, who contributes to the team although never having rowed before this year.

Adam Schayowitz '03 will help the men's team after dramatically bringing his erg scores down.

A large group of novices will join him.

"The whole men's boat is very committed and share the same goals," said Bilyea commenting on the determination of the men's varsity four boat. "I am excited to see how the varsity women's eight and men's four do."

The rowers share the same enthusiasm. "I am very excited for the season to start. Although the snow is a bit discouraging, our strong crew should do well," added Hayes.

Overall the dedication and diligence of the entire team promises to bring about good results.

Come rain, shine, or even snow the 45 crew team members are determined to succeed.

The Continentals will wait in anticipation to begin practicing on their home water, but until then, they will not lose sight of their goals or their competitive edge.

They are determined to beat rival Union and improve upon the low times achieved in the fall.

The crew team has two upcoming home races during the season. The first one is against Saint Lawrence on April 14th and one against Union on April 28th.

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Pitching woes overshadow offensive production

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

The Hamilton baseball team's season got underway with mixed reviews last week in Fort Pierce, Florida, and if nothing else provided the Continentals with a clear picture of what their strengths are and what needs fixing.

Quite simply, the hitting was good, and the pitching was not so good.

A team batting average of .277 and on-base percentage of .382 allowed the Continentals to pound out six and a half runs per game in the eight games played.

Unfortunately, Hamilton gave up more runs than they produced, with an ugly 10.56 ERA, which included giving up less than nine runs in a game only once.

The lack of pitching outweighed the productive hitting, and in the end doomed the Continentals to a 2-6 record to open the season.

"Offensively we look a little better than we did at this point last year and defensively we're better overall," said coach Mike Davis. "But I was surprised the pitching wasn't better."

First baseman/designated hitter Semmie Taylor '03 agreed, "The trip was disappointing but hopeful. The offense was much better than (it was on last year's trip to Texas), but pitching was a weakness. At times the pitching was pretty good, and could be very good with a couple more games."

Taylor was one of the catalysts for the much-improved offense, hitting .360 with seven RBI, six runs, and the team's only home run in Florida.

Taylor's average was fourth on the team through the eight-game trip, behind catcher Jack Halas' '03 whopping .462 average, captain Steve Guillette's '01 .381 mark, and 1B/DH Jon Fehlman's '03 .379.

Fehlman and fellow sophomore Charles Spiliotis tied Taylor for the team lead in RBI with seven each.

Mike Pellman '02 and Brett Zalaski '03 also hit at over a .300 clip for the week.

The less than stellar pitching, however, resulted in several slugfests that usually found Hamilton on the losing end.

The most lopsided of these losses were a 13-2 drubbing by University of Oklahoma of Science and Arts in the Continentals' first game, and a 14-3 setback in their last game at the hands of Western Connecticut State University.

There were several bright spots in between, though, which showed that the Continentals may have reason for optimism with their pitching.

Matt Marsallo '01, who led all pitchers with a 5.56 ERA for the week, pitched a complete game against Buena Vista University, giving the Continentals a convincing 10-4 victory.

This came on the heels of a promising start by freshman Matt Keough versus Earlham College, a game which reliever Jason Wellen '03 closed out for a 10-9 win.

Despite the strong hitting and occasional flashes of pitching brilliance, Coach Davis remained a bit disappointed that his squad was only able to win two of their eight games.

"I was a little disappointed in the win-loss count. Obviously you always want to win all of these early games, but being from the north we are way behind. Some of these teams had already played eight or nine games and we hadn't even practiced outside yet. The competition was more to our liking this year though than it was when we went to play the real good teams in Texas last year. Some of the teams were better than us, but I felt we could have won a few more."

Coach Davis added that the Continentals will need to pick it up if they plan to compete in the powerful NESCAC, a league in which they are new members as of this season. "The pitching needs to be improved if we're going to be successful in NESCAC," said Fehlman.

This weekend, weather permitting, the team will get its first chance to prove itself in the NESCAC as they travel to Wesleyan for three games.

If the pitching begins to fulfill its perceived potential then the Continentals will have enough hitting to start winning games with some regularity and improve upon last year's 7-21 record.

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Cortland drops first loss to Lacrosse

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force turnovers. Defenders Jenne Atherton '01, Wakefield, Bruce, and Zeidler provided a wall for goalie Jess Asrican '01, who played the entire game and finished with 20 saves. Bruce praised Zeidler's play, commenting, "Zeidler has really stepped up her play this year, and her increased confidence shows. She caused a lot of turnovers and her speed is an asset on defense."

On offense, Mosely was able to connect with wing Sarah Bardenett '04 and tied Gloo's team-high four goals. Bardenett also scored her first collegiate goal against the Red Devils.

"Mosely had a great game," praised Gloo. "She was able to take her girl to the goal, and played really well with Bardenett."

Spring training in Florida seems to have paid off for the hard working women's lacrosse team. Though faced with a very competitive schedule start, they were able to overcome the loss of players to graduation and injury and hand two top ten teams their first losses.

"Florida is always a turning point for us," commented Bruce. "We were able to bond on and off the field and have had intense practices since then. We are working on making each other better players."

Zeidler attributed the cohesion to the team's leadership, commenting, "Our captains work very well together as a unit."

The Continentals will take on Clarkson and St.Lawrence this weekend at home. Though these teams are not expected to be as strong as the previous three, Hamilton is not taking anything for granted.

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Indiana at Boston 3/30	Celtics	Pacers	Celtics	Pacers	Celtics	Celtics
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Orlando at Detroit 3/30	Pistons	Magic	Magic	Magic	Magic	Magic
New York at Portland 3/30	Blazers	Knicks	Knicks	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers
Dallas at Lakers 3/30	Mavs	Lakers	Lakers	Mavs	Mavs	Lakers
Minnesota at Sacramento 3/30	Kings	Twolves	Kings	Kings	Kings	Kings
Milwaukee at San Antonio 3/31	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Bucks
Cleveland at LA Clippers 3/31	Clippers	Clippers	Clippers	Cavs	Clippers	Cavs
NCAA Tourney						
#3 Maryland v. #1 Duke 3/31	Blue Devils	Terps	Blue Devils	Terps	Blue Devils	Blue Devils
#2 Arizona v. #1 Michigan St. 3/31	Wild Cats	Wild Cats	Spartans	Wild Cats	Wild Cats	Wild Cats
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MLB Opening Day to be plagued by injuries

Spring training is coming to an end, rosters are finalized, and managers are preparing their opening day lineups. The season officially begins Sunday, April 1, and what a season it will be.

Matt Olney

From the Bleachers

The World Series champion Yankees are back, and have added ace Mike Mussina to their starting rotation. The A's traded for stolen base champion Johnny Damon, who will bring runs and RBI's to an already potent offense.

Mark McGuire's back and knee are healed, and the big slugger is looking to break his own home-run record. The Rangers signed A-Rod for a quarter of a billion dollars, and with Pudge and Palmeiro, Texas may have assembled the greatest offensive threat in baseball. Their pitching, however, is questionable.

The Red Sox brought in Manny Ramirez to rejuvinate a lackluster 2000 offense. Combined with Pedro and Nomar, the Sox are sure to contend.

So far these all-star players have posted great numbers, but the talk of spring training has been injuries.

The Red Sox are concerned with Ramirez's hamstring, but are more worried with the American League batting champion Nomar Garciaparra. The split tendon in his wrist may need surgery, which would sideline him for at least ten weeks.

The American League's other star shortstop, Derek Jeter, has problem's of his own. His bum quadracep could place him on the Disabled List to start the season. Mike Sirotka, the Blue Jay's newly acquired ace, has shoulder problems that could sideline him for the year.

The Blue Jays return with a powerful lineup, including Carlos Delgado, Shannon Stewart, Tony Batista, and Raul Mondesi, but without Sirotka and David Wells (who was traded during the off-season), they will have trouble winning with a young starting rotation. Cincinnati's Ken Griffey, Jr. also joined the disabled list with a hamstring pull in last week's contest against the Royals.

Griffey will miss the remainder of spring training and is questionable for the Red's opening game. Greg Maddux, Atlanta's number one pitcher, took a ground ball to the foot in his last start.

Though doctors do not believe that the injury is serious, it is doubtful he will be ready to pitch opening day. Anaheim's first baseman Mo Vaughn will miss the entire season with a ruptured bicep tendon in his left arm.

While Anaheim still has home run hitters Troy Glaus and Tim Salmon, they will surely miss Vaughn's bat. After losing Mike Mussina to the Yankees, Baltimore was dealt another blow when team doctors deemed Albert Belle physically unable to play.

He is currently on the 60 day disabled list, but it is likely that his career in baseball is over. Two of Cleveland's top starting pitchers, Charles Nagy and Jared Wright, will begin the season on the Disabled list.

With Bartolo Colon and Chuck Finley, Cleveland will survive the first few months of the season, but for the Indians to make a run at the pennant, they will need Nagy and Wright in their rotation.

And finally, Pittsburgh Pirate Kris Benson will miss the first month of the season with a sore albow. Francisco Cordova and Jason Schmidt are also injured, leaving the Pirate's starting rotation very thin.

But lets not drown ourselves in sorrow for those starting the season on the DL. Thousands of games are yet to be played, and winners to be determined. The 2001 season of America's greatest pastime begins this Sunday, and I can't wait.

2001 Major League Baseball Picks

	Chris Preston	Andy Horner	Lauren Reynolds	Matt Olney	J.P. LeBlanc	Peter Ringel
American League East	Red Sox	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees
American League Central	Indians	White Sox	Indians	Indians	Indians	Indiana
American League West	A's	A's	A's	A's	A's	A's
American League Wild Card	Yankees	Indians	Red Sox	Red Sox	White Sox	White Sox
Nationql League East	Mets	Mets	Braves	Braves	Expos	Braves
National League Central	Cards	Cards	Reds	Cards	Cardinals	Astros
National League West	Diamondbacks	Giants	Diamondbacks	Giants	Giants	Giants
National League Wild Card	Braves	Braves	Mets	Dodgers	Braves	Diamondbacks
American League Champ	Red Sox	A's	Yankees	A's	Yankees	Yankees
National League Champ	Cards	Mets	Mets	Braves	Expos	Giants
World Series Champ	Cards	Mets	Yankees	Braves	Expos	Yankees

Spring training learning experience for Softball

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS EDITOR

The Hamilton softball team started off its 2001 season over spring break with a trip to Florida.

Unlike many college students, they weren't traveling to this warm, sunny locale to spend their time in carefree revelry.

Instead, their schedule included a grueling ten-day stretch in which the team played 14 games against some of the country's better softball programs.

Numerous double headers helped the team improve upon their outdoor game, and served to foster good communication and teamwork.

Despite returning from the Sunshine State with only two victories, the team feels confident that it improved as a result of the Florida trip. The team, led by Coach Susan Keller, sports an effective offense, led by the consistent hitting of pitcher Karen Pogonowski '02.

Pogonowski's .452 batting average during the Florida trip (that's right, a pitcher who flirted with .500) set the tone for a solid performance by Hamilton's bats.

Stephanie Dunn '02, who plays first base for the Continentals, also was a major offensive contributor, leading the team with three home runs and eight stolen bases.

Dunn also is a threat with runners on base, driving in a team leading eight runs. Also leading the team with eight RBI was co-captain Abby McDermott '01.

Keller was impressed with the performance of her team's offense, and commented, "We've got a very good hitting club and the offense is coming from a lot of different places. We have a very balanced attack."

Dunn praised the offensive prowess of Pogonowski, "Karen had a lot of extra base hits, and she was really hitting the ball very well."

Keller praised the base running skills of the team, "We really have a lot of heads-up base runners, and since three of our starters are freshmen, it is impressive."

Dunn agreed, saying, "The speed on the bases is much better, and everyone who has attempted to steal a base so far has been successful."

With four players hitting over .300, the Continentals have shown themselves capable of putting runs on the board.

However, with only two pitchers on the team, workhouse Pogonowski and converted reliever Lisa Washburn '01, Hamilton's potent opponents in Florida were often able to put runs on the board with regularity.

The performances of Pogonowski and Washburn against some of the nation's top bats were admirable overall, as they posted earned-run-averages of 5.96 and 5.25, respectively.

Defensively, the team is led by the outstanding outfield duo of Washburn and Jen Derby '01, who both emerged from Florida with perfect 1.000 fielding percentages.

Krista Marran '04 contributes reliable defensive work in her position in right field.

The infield is anchored by the stable Dunn at first base and co-captain Korey O'Malley '01 at third.

The athletic Amy Greenan '04 fills the shortstop position, and at second base Kate Sarris '04 beat out Niki Defoe '04 for the starting spot.

Completing the defensive alignment for the Continentals is McDermott behind the plate.

"Abby really understand the game very well, and is teaching [backup catcher] Colleen Aber ['04] the finer points of the position," explained Keller.

Overall, the defense of the team improved over the course of the spring break trip, and by the end the team was communicating well and cutting down on both fielding and throwing errors.

"Our communication improved a lot," stated Dunn, "and by the end of the week we were playing together very well defensively."

As the team prepares for the opening of the regular season this coming Sunday, Keller is certain that the team will maintain a competitive outlook, despite playing for the first time in the intensely competitive NESCAC.

Since they will face such staunch competition every game, the team will not measure its success in wins and losses, but on the effort given and the improvement made each game.

Coach Keller summed up her expectations for the season, "I know for a fact that these kids will go hard and be competitive, they'll never give up, and they are always going to work hard. I have faith that this will be a very positive season."

The team will seek to improve upon last year's 11-14 record.

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Sports

Hanson brings home National Championship

Hamilton All-American shatters school records

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

There is a first time for everything. On March 10th Maggie Hanson '02 and Kate Nelson '01 competed in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, Hanson became the first Hamilton female individual or team to win a NCAA championship by finishing first in the 5,000-meter run; the last male national champion was in swimming nearly 30 years ago.

Her time of 16:59.07 set a new Hamilton record and was the best time in Division III this season.

"The first mile was pretty tight, but then after that the leaders started to separate themselves from the rest of the runners," said Hanson.

Nelson finished a disappointing twelfth with a time of 17:55.97. Her qualifying time of 17:24.71 from February would have earned her a fifth place finish.

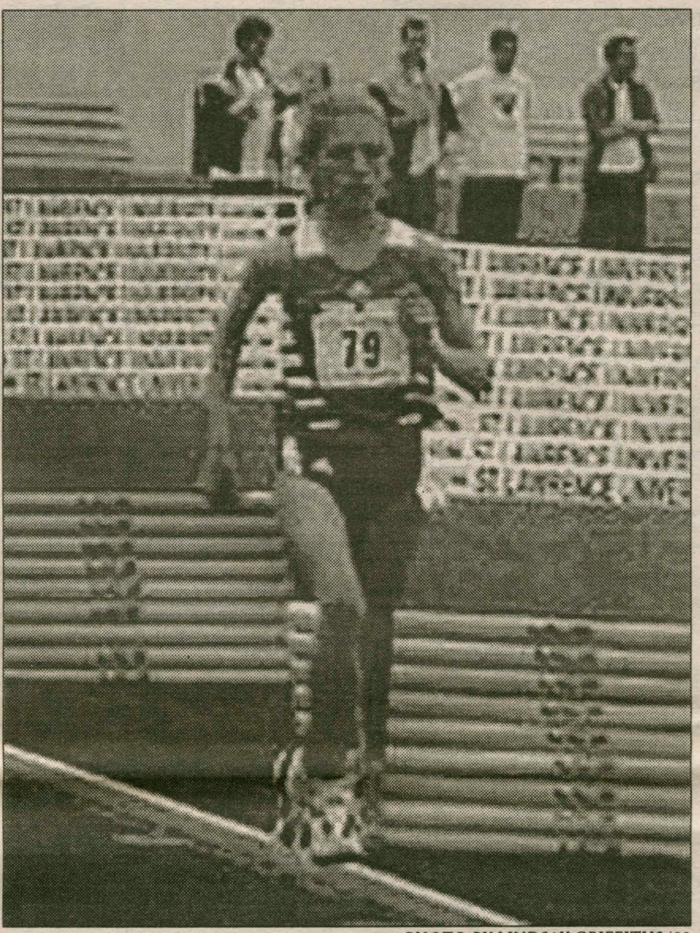
She said, "Well, just being at nationals was so exciting and crazy and intense, that even though I was really disappointed with my race, it was an amazing experience just being there with so many awesome athletes from around the country. I was so excited for Maggie and incredibly proud that my own teammate was the national champion in the 5,000."

Coach Ellen Hull added, "I'm very proud of Kate and Maggie, not only for how they performed in Wisconsin, but for the entire season. They both performed well, but I think Kate's lack of experience at NCAA meets combined with not feeling well held her back."

Hanson and Nelson were competing for less than 18 minutes, but there were other things to do during their trip to Wisconsin. They flew out to Oshkosh on Thursday, March 8th; on Thursday night there was a banquet for all the competing athletes and coaches.

On Friday Hanson and Nelson watched a few track and field events of interest and then did some outlet shopping.

"There isn't much to do in Oshkosh in terms of sights to see," explained Hanson.



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Maggie Hanson '02 breaks many records en route to this year's National Championship.

After they returned to their hotel they were pleasantly surprised to see Doug Zeyak '02 outside their hotel room door. Unlike Hull, Hanson, and Nelson, who got to fly for free (as all athletes and coaches to NCAA's), Zeyak had to drive 16 hours to Oshkosh. The 5,000 was late the next afternoon, and the Hamilton party left Wisconsin Sunday morning. Although Hanson was an All-American in the 1,500-meter run at last year's NCAA Championships, she enjoyed this year's meet much more.

"Last year it was just Coach Hull and I and I felt that it was my job to do my best. This year I really enjoyed training and competing with Kate and there was a big group of Hamilton people who came to support us. Both Kate's and my family were there, along with Doug and some other Hamilton fans. Seeing them before our event really helped us relax. We even had other NYSCTC runners cheering us on, which was great. It was good to see some familiar opponents from New York and New England. And because I finished first Coach Hull got to hand out the medals to the All-Americans."

After a relaxing yet productive spring break Hanson, Nelson, and the rest of the women's outdoor track and field team are looking to continue their success this weekend at West Point. Usually the team's first meet is against Union College, but Union is on spring break right now.

"West Point has great facilities and a beautiful track, and they're near NYC, so hopefully the weather won't be too bad," commented Hanson.

Hamilton will be one of almost 30 schools competing, including Division I schools like Yale and UConn and Division III foes Ithaca College, SUNY Oswego, and Mt. Holyoke College. The Continentals will attempt to end Ithaca's three-year streak of NYSCTC championships and move closer to the top of the NESCAC, one of the nation's most competitive conferences.

Nelson commented on the spring, "I can't wait for this season, to be able to run outside on our new track, and to hopefully bounce back after a rough race at nationals. I'm also psyched to see how everyone will compete this spring, especially the new members on the team and everyone coming back from injuries."

Along with Hanson and Nelson will be co-captains Cristina Freyre '02 and Emily Hill '01 and Julie Elmuccio '03 and Jen Cammarano '03 as major point scorers from last spring.

Hull said, "We'll miss Kate Clark '02 and Annie Toth '02, but Nelson should replace Toth as a big contributor. We also have some new athletes who should help out significantly, including Jessica Sexton '03, and Larissa Hopkins '04, who's from this area and had a great high school career."

Returning from injuries are Elizabeth Guancial '01 and Christine Campbell '04. The team will miss Alyson Grant '04 and Lauren Perkins '04 due to injuries and illness.

"As always, we have strong distance runners, but this year our depth in the sprints and field events is greater than in previous years," said Hull.

If the outdoor season is anything like the indoor season was in the NYSCTC, there will be several very competitive teams at the top, including Hamilton. The team's only home meet is on April 21 on the new track.

Women's Lacrosse defeats two top ten teams

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The Hamilton women's lacrosse team started off their season with a convincing win over seventh ranked Connecticut College.

Led by the offensive efforts of captain Sarah Gloo '01 and Kristen Engster '01, the Continentals quickly took the lead. By the 35 minute mark, Hamilton was up by six goals.

"Connecticut's defense was very weak," commented Gloo, whose team-high seven goals sealed the Continentals 15-6 victory. Engster tallied four goals, and captain Caty Wakefield '01 and Molly Plummer '03 added two apiece.

The Continentals met their match against an underrated Bowdoin squad during spring break. At half time, Bowdoin edged Hamilton by only one goal.

"We were evenly matched throughout the field," explained defender Abby Zeidler '03. Though both offenses had more opportunities to score in the second half, the score remained uncharacteristically low.

Gloo's four goals were not enough to keep the Bears at bay, and Hamilton was defeated in the last twenty seconds of play, 6-5.

"It was a defensive battle the entire game," commented Gloo. "We didn't have the experience in tight games and made a few mental errors at the end which we were able to learn from." Gloo added that Bowdoin's clock control proved to be vital to their sucess, and something that Hamilton would be working on throughout the season.

The mark of a good team is the ability to rebound from an obstacle. On Wednesday, the Continentals took on Cortland, a team they had upset on the road to the NCAA Elite Eight appearance last year.

Cortland came into the game looking for revenge, but their offense was unable to keep the game close in the second half. Hamilton took a quick lead with goals by Plummer and Adrien Mosely '01 in the first three minutes of the game.

The Red Devils answered back and were able to keep the game close. Though Hamilton was only up by one goal at the half, the score did not accurately represent the abilities of the two teams.

The Red Devils evened the score quickly in the second half, but were unable to compete for long, as the Continentals scored five unanswered goals. "This was not the best we could have played," commented Gloo, who tallied four goals in the win. "We have a long way to go, but we are learning how to put teams away, which will be important farther down the line."

Captain Lauren Bruce '01 attributed the difference in the second half to the defense's ability to contest the ball and

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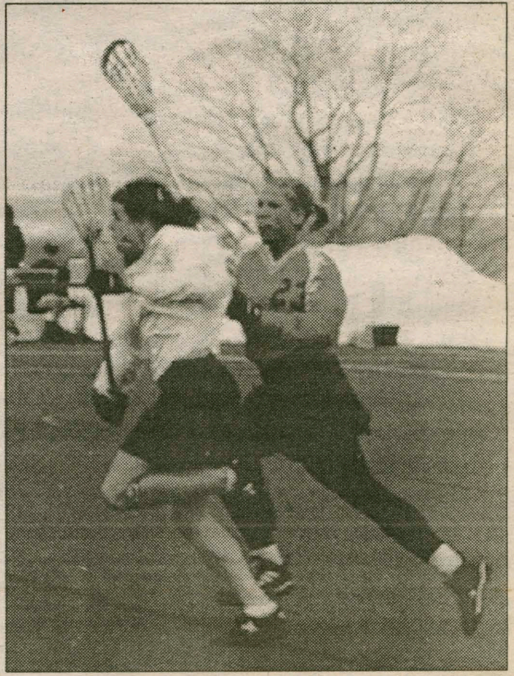

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Captain Caty Wakefield '01 blows by a Cortland defender .